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Security Council sets up peace-keeping force

UN observers leave for Gulf

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 9, (Agencies): Advance parties of UN observers are on their way to Iran and Iraq to monitor an Aug 20 Gulf ceasefire, a senior UN official said today.

Under Secretary-General Marrack Goulding announced the departure of the observers when he briefed reporters shortly after the Security Council voted unanimously to set up the new UN peace-keeping force called UNIMOG — the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group.

"We have two advance parties which are travelling even now to Baghdad and Tehran," said Goulding. Under Secretary-General for special political affairs and the top official responsible for UN peacekeeping operations.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced in the Security Council on Monday that the ceasefire would begin at 0300 GMT on Aug 20.

Action

He strongly appealed to both belligerents not to engage in any hostile action before the truce took effect.

UNIMOG is to consist of about 350 unarmed observers, backed by an unstated number of military and civilian support staff.

It will also have an air unit to provide planes and helicopters,

and possibly a small naval unit to patrol the strategic Shatt Al Arab waterway between Iran and Iraq.

Goulding said the observers would probably be provided by 25 different countries, chosen on the basis of geographical distribution.

He declined to name the countries until the secretary-general had formally notified the council and received its endorsement.

Goulding said the main body of observers would be deployed before the start of the ceasefire.

"We will meet the deadline in the sense that we will have an impressive body of observers deployed in Iran and Iraq before the ceasefire," he said. "Whether we will have all 350 there, I can't say."

In Washington, White House

Assembly would be summoned very soon — perhaps this week — to vote its approval.

He did not say how many observers were in the advance parties or how they were travelling. Perez de Cuellar's plan calls for two groups of about 12 observers each to be sent immediately to Iran and Iraq.

Fitzwater also said the US will urge the Gulf states and other interested countries, such as Japan, which receives a substantial share of oil from the region, to contribute voluntarily to the cost of the peace force.

Fitzwater welcomed the ceasefire and said the US "stands ready to bear its fair share of the costs, including the provision of transportation or equipment as necessary to facilitate the mission of the observer force."

"We will stay in close contact with the secretary-general as this process unfolds," he said.

Response

In accordance with past practice in mounting such operations, the secretary-general had asked the Soviet Union and the United States for help in transporting observers.

"We've had a very positive response from both of them," Goulding added.

He refused any comment when asked who would command the UNIMOG or where its headquarters would be located.

Under a plan by the secretary-general that the council endorsed, UNIMOG is to be commanded by a major general with two detachments headed by a brigadier general in Iran and Iraq.

The observers are to be deployed for an initial six months at an estimated cost of \$74 million.

The costs are to be apportioned among all 159 UN members and Goulding said a special or resumed session of the General Assembly would be held to consider the costs.



Saddam (right) waving at cheering crowds in Baghdad. (KUNA photo)

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People dance in the streets of Baghdad

Rafsanjani asks troops to hold their fire

TEHRAN, Aug 9, (Agencies): Iran ordered its troops to hold their fire today ahead of a ceasefire which was welcomed with relief but little joy.

Military chief Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, quoted by Tehran Radio, told his forces to start no military action after the UN announcement yesterday of Aug 20 as the date for a ceasefire with Iraq.

But he warned troops to be prepared for further aggression in the war.

Rafsanjani's message said that the Islamic Republic "has decided to create a lasting and comprehensive peace in the region and will continue its path" but that it is faced "with enemies whose claims, promises and agreements cannot be trusted."

Distrust of Iraq permeated the Iranian capital. President Ali Khamenei said Iran still had reason to doubt Iraq, and Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi said today Iranians should remain on alert.

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At the southern port of Basra, (Continued on Page 2)

Awareness of the high death toll weighed heavily on Tehran today.

"How can we celebrate when we have lost more than half a million dead?" asked one middle-aged businessman, whose son was on the central front.

Quiet

"Iran is very angry — boys have been killed. The ceasefire is good, but ..." said a sales assistant from a clothing shop in Tehran's main Valiasar street.

Pictures of those killed at the front hung in Tehran's streets, which remained largely quiet in contrast to the revelry in Baghdad.

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One diplomat said Iran's willingness to accept the role of the UN in ending the Gulf war "was an encouraging sign which could help the hostages."

"Most of the missiles scored direct hits on the ground floor of the radio station building which went off the air," he added.

"The ground floor, the only visible part of the building above ground was totally demolished by the first four missiles," he said.

Rescuers in a dozen ambulances and fire engines, raced to the scene 30 minutes after the end of the raid and started digging into the three basement floors of the radio building searching for pos-

Laurels for ceasefire cross political boundaries

World welcomes Gulf war truce

KUWAIT has declared a public holiday for Thursday to mark the declaration of a ceasefire in the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq.

An official statement said HH the Amir, ordered the holiday "following the announcement by the UN secretary-general of a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq and the agreement to hold direct talks between them to establish peace and brotherhood and end eight years of bloodshed."

Kuwait at the top of the Gulf was within earshot of the Gulf war fighting and several rockets landed in the country after Iran occupied Iraq's nearby Faw oil terminal, recaptured by Iraq last April.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said the Amir had also telephoned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein congratulating him on the ceasefire.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier congratulated the Deputy Commander of the Iraqi Revolution Command Council, Ezzel Ibrahim.

LONDON, Aug 9, (Agencies):

The world today welcomed the planned ceasefire in the Gulf war and credited UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar with persuading Iran and Iraq to end eight years of bloodshed.

Both East and West agreed that talks rather than military actions were the best way of solving conflicts.

Much of the relief was expressed by Arab Gulf states which, fearing Iran's brand of Islamic fundamentalism and a spillover of the war, poured billions of dollars into Iraq's war machine.

Saudi Arabia congratulated the adversaries on their agreement to ceasefire, but said real peace was far off.

"This announcement is only a start and a first step on the path of peace ... the aim of the Arab world in general and Iraq in particular is to achieve durable peace," Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said.

Agreed

Perez de Cuellar announced yesterday that Iran and Iraq had agreed to a ceasefire from Aug 20 and would start direct peace talks in Geneva on August 25.

US President Reagan called the announcement by UN chief "an affirmation of a policy of strength and commitment."

"Our forces in the Gulf and those of our allies have demonstrated that we have the resolve and the staying power in the Gulf as well as in the Security Council when it comes to serving peace," Reagan said yesterday.

US naval forces led an international effort to safeguard neutral Gulf shipping from attacks by Iran.

Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci said today no decision on removing US forces from the Gulf would occur until fighting has stopped and "the threat diminishes."

Result

The Soviet Union, Iraq's main arms supplier, greeted the announcement, but Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perelyev was critical of the US reaction to news.

Perelyev said Reagan had asserted the Iran-Iraq ceasefire resulted from the US policy of strength in the Gulf.

"In our opinion, it is the result not of the display of strength but of reason by the entire world community," Perelyev told a news conference.

Britain, which also maintains a naval force in the Gulf, urged Iran and Iraq to halt fighting

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The spokesman said a formation of eight Israeli jet fighters made 14 separate swoops over a two-hour period, firing a total of 26 rockets into the building housing the offices and studios of the Voice of Palestine Radio and a nearby commando base, south of Sidon.

The raid was the longest of the 12 carried out by Israeli jets against south Lebanon this year, said the spokesman who cannot be named under standing regulations.

He added that the commando base belongs to the mainline PLO faction of Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Visible

"But they didn't find any one in the demolished building as it seems that the radio staff made their way to a nearby bomb shelter through back exit shortly after the first floor was demolished," he added.

Smoke

In Jerusalem an Israeli military spokesman said the radio station was being used "for propaganda and incitement broadcasts, and to relay orders for executing terror attacks."

Palls of thick black smoke billowed from the stricken building and the nearby commando base, about one kilometre (0.6 miles) south of the Mich Mich Palestinian refugee camp on Sidon's southeastern edge.

The Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a member of the PLO, said in a statement the raid aimed at "abusing our people's uprising in the occupied territories."

It called on all commando factions to "upgrade the alertness among the Palestinian resistance forces to face a possible Israeli military offensive against the Sidon area."

Police sources say at least 5,000 hardcore PLO commandos have filtered back to the Sidon region since Israel forced Arafat and his fighters to evacuate Beirut in its 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

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INTERNATIONAL

14-year-old Palestinian shot to death

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 9. (Agencies): Soldiers shot and killed a 14-year-old Palestinian and wounded at least five others in the Israeli-occupied territories today, on the start of the ninth month of Palestinian uprising.

Strike paralyzes occupied areas

Palestinian sources said.

Strike paralyzed commercial life in East Jerusalem and at least eight major cities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Hebron, Nablus, Tulkarem, Qalqilya, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jenin and Gaza city.

Violence erupted in the West Bank town of Qalqilya during a general strike called for the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab east Jerusalem to mark the Dec 9 start of the uprising. Soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Palestinians, killing Ahmed Abdel Karem Sabri, 14, Palestinian sources said.

Clashed

Youths forcibly took the body out of Qalqilya hospital before doctors could examine it, a hospital spokesman said. He said the youth had been shot and killed.

At least 29 Palestinians and four Israelis have been killed in

violence during the 9-month-old Palestinian uprising against 21 years of Israeli occupation.

Palestinian protesters and troops clashed in most UN-run refugee camps in the Gaza Strip and Gaza city, as well as in several West Bank towns.

In the northern West Bank village of Silat El Harithiya, three Palestinians were shot and wounded in clashes with soldiers. Fighting between soldiers and Palestinians throwing stones and molotov cocktails also erupted in Hebron, Palestinian sources said.

Soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Palestinians who stoned Arab labourers trying to leave for work and military vehicles in the Gaza Strip's Khan Younis refugee camp, an Army spokesman said. Two Palestinians were shot and wounded in their legs, the spokesman said.

The occupied territories were quiet yesterday with only scattered stone-throwing and minor clashes.

Some Palestinians say violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip had dis-

sipated in part during the last week because residents were trying to gauge how Jordanian King Hussein's decision to cut ties with the area will affect them.

Arab shopkeepers in East Jerusalem, and the occupied territories kept their businesses closed, and most workers stayed away from their jobs in accordance with a general strike called by the underground committee attempting to direct the uprising.

The civil administration, which oversees the territories for the military, said it banned the distribution of the Arabic-language newspaper Al Fajr for the next two weeks in the Gaza Strip and West Bank because it said the publication defied censorship laws.

Civil administration spokesman Olivier Rafaowicz said the newspaper failed to submit an editorial calling on West Bank mayors to resign their positions now that Jordan has cut ties with the territory. An Al Fajr reporter said the editorial did not jeopardize Israeli security and dealt only with Jordanian-Palestinian relations.

South Africa to start pullout today

Angola ceasefire takes hold

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 9. (Reuter): South Africa said its troops are to start pulling out of Angola on Wednesday, ending more than a decade of involvement in the 13-year civil war.

Announcing a ceasefire agreement in Pretoria on Monday, South Africa pledged to withdraw completely from Angola by Sept 1.

In return, Angola and Cuba have undertaken to remove the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops which have supported the Luanda government against rebels of the pro-Western UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) backed by Pretoria.

"The ceasefire is now in effect," South African Foreign minister Pik Botha told reporters, giving details of the agreement reached by the three countries at talks in Geneva last week.

Pretoria undertook to

implement a United Nations plan for independence in Namibia, which South Africa has ruled in defiance of the United Nations.

South African President P.W. Botha has invited UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to South Africa urgently to discuss implementation of UN resolution 435, the Foreign Minister said.

Elections

He said the three countries had invited the United Nations to start implementing on Nov 1 the resolution calling for UN-supervised elections in the cast but sparsely-populated territory, provided that a timetable was agreed.

"That has not yet happened, that still to happen," Pik Botha said.

Botha said he wanted to know from the United Nations who would pay the estimated \$75-million cost of holding the elec-

tions and of the transition in government.

Botha said Pretoria wanted reassurance from Perez de Cuellar that the UN would be impartial in supervising the move to independence.

He gave few details of how the agreement, thrashed out in a series of US-mediated talks, would unfold.

The South West Africa People's Organisation, which has fought a 22-year guerrilla war largely from bases in Angola, said it would cease military activities in Namibia and allow South African forces in Angola to withdraw peacefully into Namibia.

The UNITA rebels under Jonas Savimbi, who are armed and supplied by Pretoria and Washington, said they would continue fighting until Angola's ruling MPLA agreed to discuss their demands for a share in the government of Angola.

People dance in the streets of Baghdad

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whose population was more than a million before the war, people poured in to the streets.

The Shatt al Arab waterway which runs through Basra witnessed a waterborne celebration as ships and boats blasted their horns.

"The ships and boats appeared in the waterway for the first time since the start of the war ... blowing their horns and sirens the same way they used to do on Christmas and New Year eves before the war," a Basra resident said.

Massoud Rajavi, leader of the National Liberation Army of Iran, issued a statement saying the ceasefire indicates that Iran's policies under Ayatollah Khomeini had failed.

"Peace marks the beginning of the inevitable burial of the Khomeini regime," Rajavi said in a statement. Establishment of freedom and national sovereignty.

Cosmonaut dies

MOSCOW, Aug 9. (Reuter): Anatoly Levchenko, a Soviet cosmonaut who took part in a mission to the Mir space station last December, has died, the official Soviet news agency Tass said today. He was 47.

Tass said he died on Saturday after a grave illness, without elaborating.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia rush relief to Sudan

A NUMBER of Kuwaiti Air Force military transport planes will carry consignments of relief material to Sudan, KUNA reported yesterday.

The government had decided to dispatch the material for the Sudanese people to help remove their sufferings as a result of the recent floods.

Saudi Arabia also said today it was sending medical supplies, food, clothing and tents to Sudan to help victims of severe floods which ravaged the capital of Khartoum.

The official Saudi Press Agency said King Fahd instructed government agencies to fly in the relief supplies urgently.

More than a million people were made homeless when torrential rain flooded the city of four million on the banks of the Nile.

Emergency
The government on Monday declared a six-month state of emergency to tackle the devastation caused by a 13-hour downpour last Thursday and Friday.

No precise casualty figures were available but scores of people were believed killed or injured. Some residents were electrocuted when floodwaters toppled power pylons.

The director of Khartoum's biggest hospital warned in an interview with SUNA that malaria, cholera and typhoid epidemics were imminent.

He said cases of cholera and other contagious diseases have been detected.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi said earlier his coalition needed special powers to tackle devastation from what many said were the worst floods to hit the country this century.

Warning

Sudan today warned of a possible flood disaster along the Nile and outbreaks of disease after torrential rain inundated the capital and made 1.5 million people homeless.

The official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) quoted a senior Irrigation Ministry official as saying the level of the Nile on Monday was already above the record flood of 1946.

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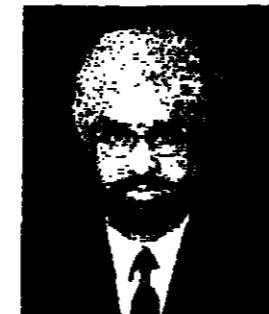
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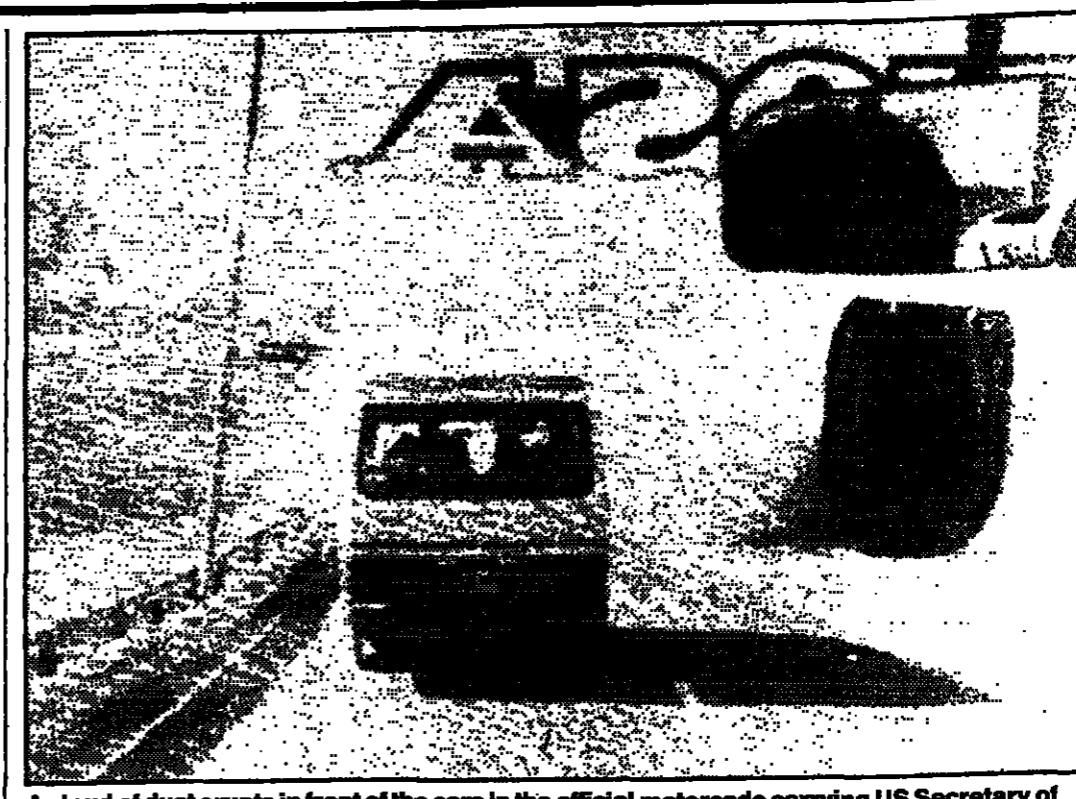
Barred

PPP leaders have accused President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq of deliberately delaying the election so Benazir's condition would make it difficult for her to campaign. Zia said the delay was to allow constituency boundaries to be redrawn.

The military President has barred political parties from putting up candidates, though they can support individuals standing as independents.

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A cloud of dust erupts in front of the cars in the official motorcade carrying US Secretary of State George Shultz to La Paz when a remotely controlled bomb was detonated. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bombing will not intimidate US and Bolivia, says Shultz

LA PAZ, Aug 9. (Reuter):

Secretary of State George Shultz vowed that a bomb attack on his motorcade will not intimidate the United States or Bolivia in their fight against drug traffickers.

"We will not be intimidated and the Bolivian government will not be intimidated," Shultz said at a press conference after the attack yesterday.

No one was injured but four motorcade cars were damaged when the remote-controlled dynamite blew up near the road moments after Shultz passed.

Weak

Shultz continued his scheduled meetings with Bolivia's top leaders on cooperation against drug trafficking and other issues.

Some Bolivian officials think the explosives, which were evidently too weak to kill Shultz, were set off by drug traffickers in an effort to intimidate the

secretary of state and Bolivian officials.

In an anonymous call to a local radio station, a person said the attack had been carried out by a group calling itself the "Simon Bolivar Command."

"It is eradicating areas where coca, the leaf from which cocaine is derived, is grown. It also has imposed stiffer penalties on drug traffickers and last month arrested coca kingpin Roberto Suarez.

In Quito, Ecuadorian Interior Minister Heinrich Moeller said Shultz apparently suffered from bruised when a bomb exploded near his motorcade in Bolivia yesterday.

"What have these people, who are now trying to gang up against the Congress (I), done for the poor and the weaker sections?" he asked his audience.

"The challenge posted by the seven-party alliance is made up of Singh's Jan Morcha, the rural-based Lok Dal, the Janata, the Congress (S), a breakaway faction of Rajiv's Congress (I), and three regional parties the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the Assam Gana Parishad and the Telugu Desam."

"The new alignment of vested interests consists of big landlords and capitalists," Rajiv charged in a speech to a New Delhi rally called by his Congress (I) party to commemorate the 1942 launching of the Quit India Movement that led to independence from Britain in 1947.

"The traffickers want us to look the other way. The terrorists want us to run and hide. You have picked the wrong people."

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Largest

Shultz did not accuse a specific group but said in a speech to Bolivian dignitaries:

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Catholics riot across N. Ireland

BELFAST, Aug 9. (UPI):

Thousands of Catholics rioted across Northern Ireland early today, hurling firebombs and torching cars in anti-British protests to mark the 17th anniversary of Britain's one-time policy of interning Irish Republican Army suspects without trial.

As the situation quietened down by late evening, a police spokesman said 42 people had been arrested after a total of 83 separate attacks against security forces in at least a dozen towns. No deaths were reported, but eight policemen and at least four civilians were hospitalised with injuries, according to a provisional toll.

"It was basically a sporadic night of violence that spilled over into the early hours today," a police spokeswoman told UPI.

"The situation has returned to normal now, but we are on the alert for further trouble."

At least three people were reported missing after their car was forced to stop by a burning barricade in an Irish Republican Army stronghold and they were pulled from their vehicle, authorities said. Police had no further report on the incident.

Officials and witnesses said the riots, including bomb and gun attacks against police and Army posts by gangs of up to 200 youths in some cases, erupted shortly after midnight when IRA supporters lit bonfires to commemorate the 17th anniversary of interning IRA suspects without trial, a policy introduced in 1971, but abandoned in 1975.

Asked whether Washington

would recognise a Palestinian government-in-exile, Murphy said: "This is just too hypothetical for me to answer."

"As far as I know there is no decision to form such government... those that face getting into a peace settlement in the region are going to require negotiations... These things are not going to be settled outside the negotiating arena."

Murphy flew to Cairo, the fifth stop in his tour after Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

Asked whether he would confer with Palestinian officials while in Cairo, Murphy said "I have not heard whether anything was scheduled there or not."

Able

"I look forward if the Palestinian side was able to get together with me... I look forward to that meeting," he added.

Meantime, PLO leader Yasser Arafat was quoted by the Qatar News Agency as saying that Egypt had not achieved any progress in arranging a meeting between Palestinian officials and Murphy.

Arafat also told QNA Hussein's recent decisions were "still under study" by the Palestinian leadership.

INTERNATIONAL



A masked demonstrator raises his arms in a gesture of defiance during mass rallies in Rangoon, calling for a democratic government and the ousting of new socialist leader Sein Lwin. (Reuter wirephoto)

Appeal by opposition rejected

Mahathir wins court battle

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9, (Reuter): Malaysia's Supreme Court today upheld a lower court ruling which had declared illegal the old ruling party of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

The five judges rejected an appeal by 11 political rivals of the Prime Minister who were seeking to revive the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), once headed by Mahathir.

The Supreme Court judgment said: "This court is in total agreement with the construction given by the high court judge on his interpretation of sections 12 (3) and 41 (C) of Societies Act."

Lawyers said today's ruling saved Mahathir, Prime Minister since 1981, from political embarrassment.

He set up a new party when the old UMNO was declared illegal by the high court in February, purging its leading political

rivals, including former Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

The high court ruled in February the old UMNO had violated provisions of the country's societies act and was therefore an illegal organisation.

The high court ruling followed complaints by Mahathir's opponents of irregularities, including bringing in votes from 30 unlawful branches in the party's 1987 April poll, which saw Mahathir re-elected narrowly as Prime Minister.

Mahathir, 62, faces a stiff challenge from the dissidents to save his fledgling party in a parliamentary by-election set for Aug 23 in the Malaysia's southern Johore state.

UMNO was the most powerful of the ruling National Front, a coalition of 13 Malay, Chinese and Indian parties. By tacit agreement, the president of UMNO becomes the Prime Minister.

The party has provided all of Malaysia's four prime ministers since independence from Britain in 1957.

Afghan pilot escapes from Pakistani jail

MOSCOW, Aug 9, (Reuter): An Afghan Air Force pilot who was captured by Muslim rebels escaped from an underground cell and has returned home, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

Tass said Lieutenant Ali Moddad had been captured by rebels in Paktia province of Afghanistan and was sent to Miranshah, in Pakistan.

"For many weeks the officer was languishing in an underground jail," but he finally escaped, Tass said. It charged that he had been tortured by the rebels and "Pakistani counter-intelligence officers" while imprisoned.

The Tass report came a day after sources in Islamabad said two crewmen from an Afghan jet fighter had defected and a Soviet aircraft had been captured in Pakistan in separate incidents.

Tass did not mention either of the Islamabad reports.

Pakistan is host to the rebel groups fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government and three million Afghan refugees from the war.

91 killed as storm hits eastern China

BEIJING, Aug 9, (UPI): The biggest typhoon to hit eastern China in 30 years destroyed thousands of homes, killed at least 91 people and left more than 100 fishermen missing as it devastated coastal cities, local officials said today.

Officials in the scenic city of Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang province, mobilised more than 1,000 troops and 10,000 workers after the storm left it without electricity. Police patrolled darkened streets and alleys overnight to control traffic and prevent looting.

The typhoon struck the eastern province early Monday as residents recovered from two other weather disasters—a killer heat wave and the worst flooding in 40 years, which left as many as 500 people dead last week.

In a rare public admission of the devastation, Zhejiang governor Shen Zulun described the damage as "extremely serious" and said "a great number of farm fields had been flooded and houses destroyed," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

At least 91 people were killed and more than 524 injured across the province in the storm, which uprooted hundreds of trees and cut power in Hangzhou, a popular tourist destination, said Xie Longda, an official at the Zhejiang flood and drought control headquarters.

He said provincial officials plan to contact international relief organisations to help reconstruction efforts due to the scale of recent natural disasters.

"The damage is particularly serious because this is just the most recent in a string of weather calamities which have struck the province this summer," said Li Qiang, a spokesman for Hangzhou civil affairs bureau.

The typhoon's high winds destroyed more than 18,000 houses across 20 counties, and ruined around 100,000 acres of cotton and damaged 165,000 acres of arable land, Li said. It was the worst storm to hit the province since 1956.

In the ports of Ningbo and Zhoushan, officials said 14 fishing boats sank and seven were missing at sea, leaving two fishermen dead and 110 others missing. Another 58 boats sank in the Qiantang river.

Moscow trying to find an alternative to Kabul regime

ABUL, Aug 9, (UPI): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met members of the internal opposition during a secret visit to Kabul in what Western diplomats saw as an attempt by Moscow to find alternatives to the divided Najibullah government.

The diplomats made the services as the first unit of Soviet troops guarding Kabul at the capital for home.

The Western diplomats said Shevardnadze's four-day visit, which ended Sunday, was an effort to ensure Moscow retains influence in Afghanistan if President Najibullah is ousted by Soviet troops withdraw from the war-stricken country.

Shevardnadze sought to make contact with the internal political position — excluding Islamic rebels — as much as he could to improve relations with

Najibullah's government, the diplomats said.

Significantly, Shevardnadze met with a broad range of prominent figures within the state apparatus, the diplomats said. He did not limit himself to contacts within the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, headed by Najibullah.

"There are a whole range of interpretations, ranging from spreading the Soviet gospel to canvassing alternative leaders," said one diplomat.

A Soviet source who met briefly with Shevardnadze said the foreign minister assured him Moscow had no plans to end its support for Najibullah, a former secret police chief universally vilified by the fractious seven-group guerrilla alliance fighting to topple the Kabul government.

But the source acknowledged that Najibullah would have to leave office if any political

Curfew imposed on Rangoon

36 Burmese protesters killed

BANGKOK, Aug 9, (Agencies): Security forces killed at least 36 demonstrators and arrested nearly 1,500 as massive protests erupted today in Rangoon and 26 other areas of Burma, state-owned Radio Rangoon reported.

Reports from Rangoon-based diplomats said the casualty toll in Rangoon may have been higher as troops in the Burmese capital fired on demonstrators calling for the overthrow of new President Sein Lwin.

A US official in Washington said witnesses reported seeing demonstrators carrying bodies of dead protesters over their heads as they marched through the streets of Rangoon.

The radio broadcast said military authorities clamped an indefinite 8 pm to 4 am curfew on Rangoon and banned gatherings of more than five people. The city has been under martial law since Aug 3.

Security forces opened fire on four occasions today and casualty figures were still being gathered, the radio said. It reported 1,451 "looters and disturbance makers" had been arrested, but it was unclear whether

this included an earlier announced figure of more than 800 arrested during protests yesterday.

The radio said five people were known to have been killed and 55 wounded in Rangoon, while 31 people died and 37 were wounded when 5,000 demonstrators tried to seize the police station in Sagaing, in central Burma.

Protests

Sagaing, one of Burma's Buddhist centres, is located near Mandalay, the country's second largest city and site of other protests. The broadcast listed a total of 26 areas, not including Rangoon, where demonstrations had broken out.

The US official, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said reports from Rangoon indicated the number of casualties today could be in the hundreds. But the official warned: "It takes days for such information to be sorted out, witnesses interviewed and exact numbers arrived at."

One Rangoon-based diplomat said there were reports of more than 100 people killed as students, monks and others confronted heavily armed soldiers that deployed in the city after martial law was declared last week.

All schools throughout the country, a main source of opposition, were closed on Monday and diplomats said office workers were sent home.

Martial law has been in effect in Rangoon since last Wednesday, with troops replacing the hated Lon Htein riot police on the streets.

Diplomats said the military appeared to tolerate Monday's demonstration but were deployed to break them up.

Burmese working for foreign news organisations and based in Rangoon said they had been called to the official news agency of Burma to be given a briefing.

They said they were unable to move through the streets in early afternoon because of the shooting and the massive crowds. The capital, with a population of 3.5 million, was swelled by big crowds moving in from outlying areas.

The student-led demonstrations were the climax of six months of social and political turmoil that has shaken the tight grip the ruling military-led Burma

Socialist Programme Party has had since a military coup in 1962.

Diplomats said more than 200 people died in clashes between demonstrators and riot police in March and June that finally pushed party leader Ne Win to stand down.

His successor, Sein Lwin, has promised reforms and respect for civil rights but his words have been drowned by the surge of popular protest.

Visa

In Bangkok and Hong Kong, Burmese consular officials said they had been ordered by Rangoon to stop issuing tourist visas to Burma, but the Burmese embassy in Tokyo said it was continuing to process them.

Businessmen could still apply for special visas to enter the country, the officials said.

In recent weeks, Burmese embassies around the world have been attempting to screen out journalists applying under tourist visas. The Associated Press has been unable to enter the country and its Rangoon correspondent, Sein Win, was arrested by authorities last month along with a number of critics of the government.

Cyprus peace talks to start in Geneva

NICOSIA, Aug 9, (AP): The peace talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders due to start at the United Nations in New York on Aug 24 will take place in Geneva, Cyprus government spokesman Akis Fantis said today.

Freedom

"There was no other possibility to obtain their freedom, except the method which was then used," Hamadi testified, referring to the June hijacking.

His surprise admission to the hijacking threw into question the future course of the trial, in which many former TWA hostages had been scheduled to testify as witnesses starting next month.

It was the first time Hamadi had spoken about the hijacking charge at the trial. He did not refer to a charge of murdering US Navy diver Robert Stethem, who was shot dead during the hijacking.

In a statement issued shortly after today's session of the trial began today, Hamadi said he and another man commanded the Trans World Airlines (TWA) plane to Beirut after it took off from Athens, with the aim of obtaining the release of hundreds of Shi'ite Muslim guerrillas held in Israel.

The hijacking ended and 39 American hostages were freed at Beirut airport after 17 days when Israel agreed to release about 700 guerrillas.

Hamadi, who has said he took part in fighting against Israeli troops in Lebanon, told the court the decision to hijack the plane was taken only after all other attempts to secure the guerrillas' release had failed.

In his statement today, Hamadi accused Israel of violating international law with its periodic incursions into Lebanon to battle Palestinian guerrillas.

"If this act (hijacking) that I committed is illegal, then it's the outflow of the illegal behaviour of Israel," Hamadi said.

Satisfied

Talking to newsmen on his arrival Vassilios said he was "fully satisfied" with the results of his visit, which he described as "very useful and fruitful."

He added that the United States had shown great understanding and took a clear stand in support of the resumption of the peace talks under the auspices of the UN secretary-general.

No reaction

The government has told parliament in the past that it takes no notice of Amnesty reports.

Amnesty said certain prisoners could now be tried without usual safeguards and security forces were immune to prosecution. Those most vulnerable to abuse were members of the scheduled castes or tribes (so-called "untouchables").

The most persistent allegations of torture were in the state of Punjab, where prisoners reported being beaten while suspended from the ceiling, sometimes upside down, and given electric shocks.

Dozens of deaths in custody were also reported including people involved in peaceful political activity.

Those responsible have not been brought to justice, Amnesty said, adding that under a constitutional amendment passed in March the government can proclaim a state of emergency in Punjab and even suspend the protection of life.

The report also cited allegations of extrajudicial killings by security forces.

N. Korea seeks urgent talks on Olympics

SEOUL, Aug 9, (AP): North Korea called today for urgent parliamentary talks on its demand to co-host the Olympic Games and rejected South Korea's proposal for preliminary negotiations.

The Communist North said it would agree to a meeting Aug 17 to handle logistical arrangements for inter-parliamentary talks on the Olympics and a non-aggression pact, wants detailed preliminary talks to set an agenda. It called for the preliminary negotiations this week.

Officials in Seoul were studying the North Korean letter and had no immediate reaction.

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The letter, delivered at the border truce site of Panmunjom,

Ferry victims cremated

KATIAR, Aug 9, (AP): Police said just three to five delegates from each side should attend the Aug 17 meeting rather than 15-member delegations proposed by Seoul.

Agenda

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Gulf war casualty count anyone's guess

LONDON, Aug 9, (Reuters): Estimated casualties in the eight-year Gulf war is largely a guess game, according to military experts who say it is unlikely anyone will ever know exactly how many Iranians and Iraqis died.

British military sources estimated the number of dead at one million — 750,000 Iranians and 250,000 Iraqis — but say the figures are based on guesswork as well as intelligence information gathered in Tehran and Baghdad.

Exaggerated

"We worked out a formula that X means Y and Y means Z," one source said. "We took into consideration that military commanders coming back from the front exaggerated."

The source said no one in

Britain was in a position to know the exact number of wounded and "if you add up all their claims, you end up with the population of China."

Heno Kopietz of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies said: "Both sides have been lying, underestimating their own casualties while exaggerating their enemy's."

Asked about the figure of one million dead, he said: "Whether it is high or low, we don't know. None of us so-called experts has been in the middle of the fighting."

But Francis Tusa of the Royal Institute for Defence Studies in London said the Iranians probably lost between 350,000 and 500,000 dead and the Iraqis, 150,000 to 200,000.

The number of wounded is

apparently double those figures, he said.

Tusa said he based his estimates on statements from Iran and Iraq — with significant adjustments.

"Iraqi (statements) are getting a little more reasonable in the last few months. They are claiming (to have killed) in the low thousands or hundreds. You can pretty much estimate they are relatively accurate if you knock a nought (zero) off and divide by two."

Modified

Iranian casualty statements should be modified by "taking a nought off and dividing by three," Tusa said.

"If you add up all the figures, you come up somewhere that they killed every living male in Iraq several times over," he said.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Sabah with the summer club members.

Summer club members meet the Amir and Premier

HH the Amir yesterday received a student delegation from the summer clubs and swimming pools of the Education Ministry, the students thanked the Amir on behalf of all students enrolled in those activities for his constant care and encouragement.

The meeting was attended by Information Minister and acting Education Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah also received Al Hamad and the students yesterday at the Council of Ministers.

The Crown Prince praised the youths' readiness to serve Kuwait in various spheres.

"You have probably heard earlier today from HH the Amir of the government's concern with youths," the Crown Prince said. "The government believes that the young generation will grow up to be fathers and mothers of the future and will continue to preserve the security and stability of our dear nation," the Crown Prince said.

Encouragement

The government will continue backing youths, Sheikh Saad said. He asked the students to convey his greetings to their colleagues.

A student then recited a folkloric poem hailing the state's encouragement, topped by HH

the Amir and HH the Crown Prince to youths in different spheres.

HH asked the students to make suggestions about summer activities. Sheikh Saad showed interest in their proposals.

Meanwhile, the head of intermediate education at Farwaniya

Yahya Abdul Aziz Al Fodair called on members of summer clubs to direct their interest towards scientific activities provided by these clubs.

Al Fodair, who was interviewed by members of the press at Omariya Summer Club, said that summer clubs are considered important social activities designed to sharpen students' personalities and interests.

Interior Ministry keen to ensure security

COLONEL Ahmed Al Rajaib, director of public relations at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior said that a special department has been entrusted with co-ordinating and handling all aspects related to juveniles.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Rajaib stressed that the ministry is keen to provide security and safety to all citizens and expatriates in Kuwait.

He called on "welfare-and-education institutions, and citizens and residents" to "co-operate with the police in achieving these goals."

Colonel Al Rajaib said the state spares no effort to minimise traffic accidents and has constructed flyovers, highways, pedestrian bridges. He said, it is vital the public co-operate with all relevant authorities in this respect, and abide by traffic instructions and directives.

Trying to attain self-sufficiency in fish

THE Kuwait Fishermen's Union is striving to save marine wealth and achieve self-sufficiency by developing the fishing industry. Fish is considered Kuwait's main dish.

Sayyah Abu Shaiba, the Kuwaiti Fishermen's Union honorary president in an interview with a local daily said that the union was formed on April 26, 1988 to defend the rights of members and achieve solidarity.

Improve

The union helps members apply modern fishing methods to improve their yields and represents the interests of fishermen within and outside Kuwait, the official said.

Fishermen are providing a national service which offers important food resources, he said.

Libyan foreign minister arrives

LIBYAN Foreign Minister Jadallah Azouz Al Talhi arrived in Kuwait last night on an official visit. He was met at the airport by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah and senior officials at the Foreign Ministry.

In an arrival statement, the Libyan official expressed pleasure for being in Kuwait.

Al Talhi said he is carrying a message from Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi to HH the Amir.

He said Libya is gleeful about the ceasefire agreement between Iran and Iraq and their common search for a peaceful settlement of "their differences as we (in Libya) had often said."

The Libyan envoy said Libya believes that continuation of the destructive war between Iran and Iraq is beneficial to the enemies of Arabs and Muslims and damaging to their resources.

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Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Singapore on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a congratulatory message to Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Kuan Yew on his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Bowing to Palestinian will

A KUWAITI daily has underlined that the recent Jordanian measures severing ties between the East and West Banks came in response to Arab unanimity and in accordance with the Palestinian people's desire.

The daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday, editorially said: "King Hussein of Jordan's statements were necessary to clarify the meaning of the recent Jordanian steps."

King Hussein also asserted that the economic and humanitarian relations between the two banks will remain as they are, through the opened bridges, the paper pointed out. It noted that King Hussein also affirmed that Palestinians holding Jordanian passports will continue to have this privilege until the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Indicating that some have ignored the series of Jordanian "societies" towards the Palestinian cause, (the daily) said there are still great contradictions within the Arab ranks in regard to the idea of the Palestinian government in exile: "To be or not to be ... and when?"

"The Palestinian option has to be in the forefront, as a factor of balance to face the American and Israeli options," it said.

Sheikh Sabah to visit Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug 9, (KUNA):

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will arrive here tomorrow representing the Arab League seven-man committee formed to follow the developments of the Iraq-Iran war, it was officially announced today.

Acting official spokesman of the Soviet Foreign Ministry Vadim Perelyov told a news conference today, Moscow is always ready to talk to the committee on the developments of the war which he said is entering a new era.

The Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament, Saadoun Hammadi, will accompany Sheikh Sabah.

Arafat leaves

PALESTINE Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday left Kuwait after a one-day visit.

Arafat on Sunday conferred with HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Sabah Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The PLO leader was seen by Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Khalid Al Jassar and a number of Protocol Department officials at the Foreign Ministry.

Study on egg production

THE department of agricultural production at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) is conducting a study on the effect of the weather on egg production during this period of the year, a local daily quoted an official at KISR as saying.

Afaf Al Naser, researcher at the Agricultural Production Department, said the project should bring fruitful results which will benefit local poultry companies.

She added that the project includes six experiments to be conducted at different seasons of the year to determine the ideal period for laying eggs. A study on varied food intake of hens also planned, she said.

Power failure

A LARGE area in Murgab was left in the dark last night after a power failure which affected hotels, homes and shops near the Safat post office.

The outage, which began at about 6.30 pm, still left the area without electricity as of 9 pm.

Shopkeepers continued doing business by candlelight as hotel employees struggled to keep food fresh without electricity.

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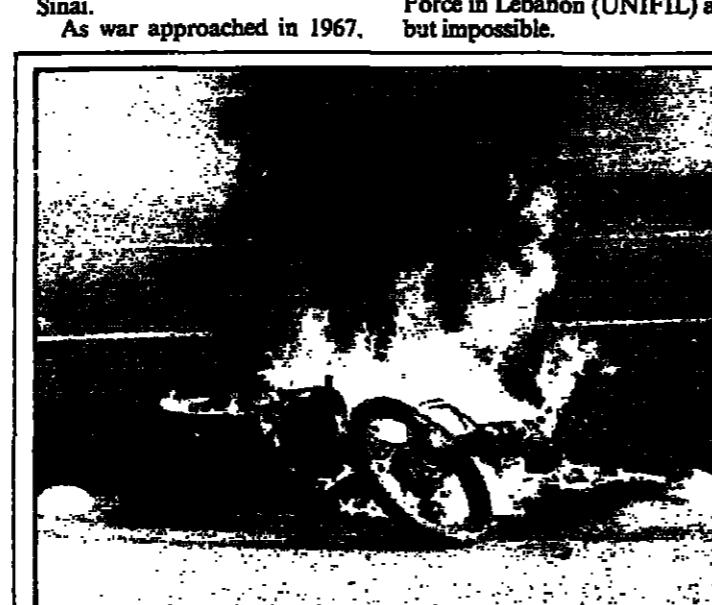
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Monitoring Gulf ceasefire

UN force will face many hazards

NICOSIA, Aug 9, (Reuters): A thin line of blue berets charged with monitoring a truce in the Gulf war will face inhospitable mountain, desert and marsh and two opposing armies sworn to destroy each other.

"It will be a very tough assignment, with innumerable military and political hazards," said a veteran soldier serving with UN forces in the Middle East.

Bloodiest

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has announced a ceasefire to take effect on Aug 20, ending almost eight years of war between Iran and Iraq.

The conflict has seen some of the bloodiest fighting since World War Two and cost an estimated one million lives.

Perez de Cuellar has asked the Security Council to send a UN observer force, initially numbering about 350, to the warfront to monitor the truce.

Strung out along the 740-mile (1,200-km) front, this would mean no more than one of the blue beret UN peacekeepers every two miles (three km).

The peacekeepers, labelled the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG), would be unarmed in confronting two belligerents whose enmity is unlikely to evaporate overnight.

Their job will be to report ceasefire violations and, where possible, to contain violence by diplomacy rather than gunfire.

"Success or failure — indeed, the survival of UN troops — will depend on the attitude of the

protagonists and the strength of Security Council resolve," said the soldier.

Observers say the history of UN peacekeeping operations in the region shows the world body faces a predicament over the size of any neutral peace force.

If it is large — say 10,000 men — it can be seen by one side or another as an occupation army, and become the target for deliberate attack.

But it is a symbolic presence — and that appears to be Perez de Cuellar's recommendation — it may not be taken seriously by rival forces in the frontline and could be brushed aside in re-acted hostilities.

Another hazard is the presence of irregular forces — Kurdish fighters, Iranian dissidents supported by Baghdad as well as Iranian-backed Iraqi fundamentalists, opposed to the rule of President Saddam Hussein.

Any one of these maverick groups could upset the peacekeeping applecart.

Terrain

Then there is the terrain and the weather, which could combine to hamper efforts by mobile UN troops to reach a particular flashpoint.

In winter, access to the mountainous north is clogged with ice and snow. In summer, the southern sector is a humid oven.

The record of UN peacekeeping is bloody and strenuous, particularly in the cauldron of Arab-Israeli conflict.

In 1948, the Security Council

EVENTS**VIDEO CORNER**

By Shaun Seekins

BASED on John Nichols' 1973 novel, *The Milagro Beanfield War* is a poignant, funny story which illuminates the culture of the people of New Mexico, but although the Chicano background and history is an important window-dressing, it does not outweigh the basic theme. It is not racial exploitation, but water that is the most important issue in *Milagro*. To the Chicano townspeople the land is dry and barren; to the area's richest Anglo citizen, it is merely underdeveloped. The only obviously racial element in the film comes from the governor's office, where politicians plot the inevitable migration of "those people" away from *Milagro* when a proposed recreational area is built.

The film opens with a visually beautiful sequence which creates a slightly mystical setting for the tale about to unfold. Thereafter, however, Robert Redford's second directorial effort approaches that

Plotting politicians

plateau several times, but never quite achieves it again, settling for charm instead. At its best, *The Milagro Beanfield War* is the portrait of a people who live in any small town that is gradually dying.

Redford resists the trap of over-enobling his Latino characters and instead sympathetically portrays all sides of a complex and very real dilemma. To be sure, the gorgeous photography of Robbie Greenberg and the music of Dave Grusin lend the film a slightly ethereal quality. But the balanced performances of one of the finest group of character actors assembled in recent years keep the film going.

In the end the film may not do too well at a youth and action dominated box-office, and may have to settle for winning awards and eventually

evolving into a "classic."

Above *The Law* is a new "corruption in high places" thriller, starring Steven Seagal and Pam Grier as a police team out to make the world a better place. They stumble on a group of illegal immigrants hiding out in the crypt of a church and discover that one of the Latino priests knows far too much for his own safety about the involvement of some highly placed CIA officials in drug-running from Central America. Can they save him before the ruthless criminals manage to destroy both him and the evidence? Non-stop action and plenty of excitement should make this one move very quickly.

The Second Victory is a very good war thriller, based on a book by Morris West. The setting is wonderfully atmos-

pheric — Austria in the winter at the end of World War Two, where allied troops are the occupying force until the citizens can get back to governing themselves. Major Mark Hanlon (Anthony Andrews) is on the way to a small Austrian town under his command — Quellenberg — when his sergeant is killed by a lone sniper wearing Austrian Army uniform. Hanlon is convinced that the killer is a local man and is determined to catch him. He is intent on meting out justice with mercy but the odds are against him.

As well as trying to track down the killer, Hanlon is also investigating the actions of another Quellenberg resident; a middle-aged man who was an allied agent during the war, but is now suspected of stealing

from the victims of the Nazi

oppression. To complicate matters still further Hanlon falls in love. All in all a good thriller with several twists and turns in the plot.

Staying Together is a tear jerker drama about a young family who fight to remain together when both their parents die. *Cherry 2000* should appeal to sci-fi fans and teenagers. Set in the future, it tells of a young man's desperate search to repair his beautiful android girl-friend after she has short-circuited due to the kitchen sink overflowing at an inopportune moment. The new soap-opera capitol continues, recounting the scandals behind the closed doors of Washington, also Eastenders. For children *Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors* and *The Bluffers* are available. For sports fans, the Mexican-Canadian Detroit Grand Prix has just been released.

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Robert Redford: the *Milagro Beanfield War* is his second directorial attempt



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FM Services**BBC World Services****WHAT'S ON****ARTS****Islamic Arts Museum**

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8:30 am to 12:30 noon and 4:30 to 7:30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabiya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timelings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

D'Assisi Association The association will hold a social evening cum-varieté show on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9:30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7:30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8:30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact Joe D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

0100 News Seminar followed by **Outlook**
30 Report on Religion
45 Country Style
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09 British Review
15 A-Z of Hollywood
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News About Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Pop Science Programme
0400 Newsdesk
30 Country Stories
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Report on Religion
45 The World Today
1000 News Seminar followed by **Outlines**
30 Trivia Test Match
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Country Stories
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newsdesk
15 Time for Verse
25 The Farming World
45 Sports Roundup
0700 World News
03 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary
30 Development '88
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Classical Record Review
30 Brain of Britain 1988 (ex.31st)
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Folk in Britain (ex. 10th and 24th Jazz Scene UK)
1000 News Seminar followed by **Outlines**
30 Trivia Test Match
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Country Stories
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newsdesk
15 Time for Verse
25 The Farming World
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
1400 Outback opening with 5-Minute News
45 Report on Religion
15 Three Wishes
30 Radio Active
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Hit the High Notes
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 News Today
30 News Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Multirack 2
1900 Outlook, opening with **News Summary**
39 Stock Market Report
45 Good Books

2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Launch of the Historian

2100 News Seminar followed by **Network UK**

15 Hitting the High Notes
45 Recording of the Week

2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 Presentation Programme

30 Financial News

40 Reflections

45 Sports Roundup

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1900 Opening
1910 Bachchan Qual
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1920 Songs
1925 Press Report
1935 News Bulletin
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Midayet Rabbani
2100 Closedown

Indian Independence Day

On the occasion of the Independence Day of India, August 15, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8:30 am at Embassy premises, 34 Iftikhal St.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are:

A discussion on the importance of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4314477.

Onam Festival

The 10th Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varshene - 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly - 4810490, ext. 207; Verghese Paradyal - 2422973.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Goncalves - 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male-female gymsnasiums with saunas, solariums, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

HOTELS

At the Ramada

El Bendar Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also available. Special shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, featuring a wide variety of shrimp preparations.

The take-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips.

At the Regency

Regency Palace is offering a special Hajar New Year holiday weekend package for Kuwaitis and residents of Kuwait (family), featuring a welcome drink, full breakfast buffet, local daily newspaper, late checkout (6 pm), and the use of extensive health and fitness facilities.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Amadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Vietnamese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

At the Al Shazriya

The Al Shazriya offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini-business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

day. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup - cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahdah.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

Work parties will be held at the grounds on Thursday at 3 pm and Friday at 9 am. Very important that all members attend.

Soy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shawaliyah. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1**

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good-morning
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Dawa Lil Hub; starring Mirvat Amin, Mustafa Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki
- 11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdulla, Hayat Al Fahed
- 12.15 Cultural film
- 1.30 Variety Show
- 2.30 Al Ajneha: new Arabic daily serial, starring Fadiya Hattab, Saleh Al Hayek, Salma Al Masri
- 3.30 Hidi: cartoons
- 4.15 Foreign feature film
- 5.00 Bunduk and bunduka: serial for children, starring Abdur Rahman Abu Zahra and Niza
- 7.00 Traffic seminar
- 7.45 Open University

- 8.30 Waqiat Al Arab
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardash
- 10.45 Hickayat Minal Badaya (Tales from the Desert); starring Miad Awad, Ashraf Abazah, Ali Al Samir and Suhair Fahd
- 11.45 World news summary
- 11.50 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

- 12.30 Growing Pains: "The Scarlet Letter"
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 O'Hara: Al Hard and his assistant Sheaver borrow money from a wealthy woman to use as bait for a drugs gang.
- 9.30 Wildlife on One: the great limestone caverns of Borneo are inhabited by some very strange birds.
- 10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Sledge in Toyland": a toy factory owner and his girlfriend are shot dead and Sledge is put on the case.
- 10.30 LA Law
- 11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Close down

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEWARE the fury of a patient man — John Dryden.
English poet (1631-1700)

Ceasefire only the beginning

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS. (AP) After a thousand years of Arab-Persian hostility and eight years of bloodshed between Iran and Iraq, peace has been a precious but chimeric commodity.

But after a yearlong UN peace effort and two weeks of delicate, sometimes deadlocked negotiations to end the Iran-Iraq war, a ceasefire is at hand.

On Monday, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced that the guns would fall silent on Aug. 20 and that both sides would hold face-to-face peace talks in Geneva under UN auspices five days later.

"I am persuaded that both nations deeply wanted peace and are committed to it," he said. And that opened the way.

It also opens the way for improved relations between the United States and Iran, a reduced US naval presence in the Gulf and a better atmosphere in which to seek release of Western hostages held by Iranian fundamentalists in Lebanon.

Victory

The ceasefire announcement was the second major victory in achieving an accord for Perez de Cuellar since April, when Pakistan and Afghanistan signed a UN-mediated political agreement providing for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

But unlike the Afghan accords, UN Resolution 598 — the peace plan for the Gulf war — was a comprehensive formula for peace between combatants.

Numerous similar resolutions on raging conflicts in the Middle East and southern Africa have gone unheeded. But Resolution 598 appears to be on its way to becoming a reality.

As in the case of Afghanistan, the time was ripe for a UN effort. Both Gulf foes were drawn to the negotiating table by economic and political compulsions, and by their weariness of war, not their dedication to peace.

The proclamation also signifies revival of the financially ailing United Nations, after years of lying fallow and ineffective, and a revival of apparent appreciation by the United States and other nations for the world body.

Solutions

The United Nations is expected to play a peace-keeping role in southern Africa. It also has been seeking solutions to long-standing conflicts in Western Sahara and Cyprus and would play a peace-keeping role in Kampuchea.

Despite the ceasefire announcement, however, the peace plan still has a long, problematic road ahead of it.

Perez de Cuellar

A tireless worker for peace

UNITED NATIONS. (Reuters) Javier Perez de Cuellar, who on Monday announced an Aug. 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, has won respect as a tireless worker for peace since his appointment as UN secretary-general in January 1982.

Many diplomats feel that Perez de Cuellar, for all his work in seeking to end violence in Afghanistan, the Gulf, Angola and elsewhere around the globe, is a prime candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Perez de Cuellar was given little time to adjust to his post.

Within four months of taking over as secretary-general he was intervening in the conflict between Argentina and Britain over the Falkland island but was unable to avert the bloodshed.

In January 1983 he brought the leaders of the Greek and Turkish factions on divided Cyprus together for the first time in six years after the 1974 Turkish invasion of the Mediterranean island but the talks collapsed.

Mission

In September 1987 he undertook a four-day mission, his second in just over two years, to the Gulf to try and halt the war between Iran and Iraq. It bore little fruit.

But Perez de Cuellar was undaunted, working tirelessly at his thankless task and even overcoming a quadruple heart bypass operation to be elected in

Internal problems persist

By Paul Shin

SEOUL, South Korea. (AP) A Seoul newspaper recently reported that the daughter of President Roh Tae-Woo was forced to stop using the national equestrian team's facilities after official protest.

The appearance of such a report, and an ensuing presidential scolding of police for trying to determine who leaked the incident, illustrate the easing of restrictions on the South Korean press after years of tight controls.

President aides said Roh was not aware of the "wrong police action" until he read press articles and quickly reprimanded police for trying to block the news. "I have never seen the president so mad," an aide was quoted as telling reporters.

Restrictions

The incident and the wide coverage it attracted was symbolic of how much the press situation has changed with South Korean reporters no longer facing stringent government controls.

But journalists say their struggle for press freedom has tended to take a new direction and they

RESEARCH RESULTS
AIDS is a foreign virus that has invaded our shores and poisoned our blood.

ISN'T IT SUFFICIENT TO SAY IT'S AN EPIDEMIC THAT THREATENS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE

NOT IF YOU'RE TRYING TO GET ADEQUATE FUNDING FROM THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION

By Malcolm Davidson

NAZIR BAGH REFUGEE CAMP, Pakistan. (Reuters) Mohammad Karim was an Afghan guerrilla fighter until four years ago when a rocket fired from an attacking Soviet plane shattered his right leg.

Today, he sits in Nazir Bagh refugee camp across the Afghan border in Pakistan operating the treadle of a sewing machine — making clothes from Soviet cloth smuggled from Afghanistan.

The irony of using Soviet materials is not lost on the 35-year-old former fighter. But he is lucky to have a job at all at the sprawling camp's rehabilitation project.

For many of the more than three million refugees who have trekked out of Afghanistan in the past nine years to escape the bombs and bullets of war, there is little but misery, disorientation and mental illness.

Victims

"Hardly any of them have escaped the mental effects," said Afghan psychiatrist Mohammad Azam Dadfar.

"All refugees manifest some form of anxiety or depression. It is a normal reaction to their conditions."

The woman and children suffer the worst.

"The children are a lost generation. They are the real victims of this conflict," said Dadfar.

Even the mujahedeen, who flaunt their macho image as

South Korean press gains freedom

The newspaper boom following years of controls that left a shortage of personnel has touched off a war for qualified reporters and other staff. New publications are offering very generous salaries to attract experienced reporters and wages have soared.

Some top photographers have been attracting salaries of up to \$50,000 a year, while relatively inexperienced reporters are getting offers of \$30,000 a year and more — unusually high salaries by South Korean standards.

Successful

One newspaper, the Hankyoreh Shinmun, established by hundreds of reporters expelled in the 1970s for their anti-government views, made a successful start in May, increasing to 15 the number of daily newspapers in

the way they appeared in newspapers.

Various laws that inhibited press activity were revised, making it easier for new newspapers and radio stations to be set up. Changes in the press laws created a rush to open new newspapers.

Obstacles

Despite the changes and improvement, opposition and dissident groups argue that South Korea's press situation is still far from being satisfactory. They say there still are legal or institutional obstacles on press activity.

"We are fighting an uphill battle. The Korean press is in the midst of a transition," said Lee Chun-Bal, president of the Journalists Association of Korea.

By Paul Wedel

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam. (UPI) The south lost Vietnam's civil war, but already it is rising again on a spate of new economic reforms overturning Marxist dogma.

Shortly after the fall of the US-backed regime in Saigon in 1975, southern Vietnam was the victim of enforced socialism, crackdowns on capitalists and transfers of population to "new economic zones."

Now the south — and particularly Saigon, renamed Ho Chi Minh City — is providing the business expertise, the foreign connections and the food production needed to rescue northern Vietnam from economic collapse.

"Southerners have been quicker to take advantage of the new reforms," said Doan Nguyen, deputy director of Phong Phu Textile Mill in the suburbs of Ho Chi Minh City. "Many northerners are now coming here to learn from us."

Nguyen, a southerner who went north to join the communists when the country was divided

Lee, whose association represents some 3,000 reporters, said most "outside" controls have been removed, but the news media faces new internal challenges.

"Ostensibly, it looks like the press situation has improved, but there still are many legal obstacles limiting press freedom," Rep. Lee Sang-Soo, spokesman of the largest opposition group, the Party for Peace and Democracy, said.

Strike

Lee said the media are packed with "domesticated" reporters, who prefer a comfortable and affluent lifestyle and don't care much about pressing issues.

"Most reporters are relatively affluent and do not seem to care much about the needy people, who account for a good part of the population," Lee said.

Many journalists interviewed said reporters are now struggling internally to promote press freedom, with editors, reporters

and publishers disagreeing on what course to take.

The Pusan Ilbo, a pro-government newspaper, was recently closed for several days when unionized reporters went on strike for greater editorial control. The dispute was settled only after the publisher agreed to consider reporters' views in appointing a managing editor.

"Press freedom came as a kind of a windfall as a result of last year's public struggle for democracy. Reporters didn't do much in the struggle," said one senior editor, who requested anonymity.

The editor said reporters are now waging a new battle to win more editorial freedom from managers they see as being closely associated with past authoritarian governments. Labour unions lead the "internal" struggle, he said.

Union activity among reporters was negligible in the past, but most news organizations have active labour unions whose main concern is freedom of the press.

Vietnam's south rises again

in 1954, ticked off reasons for the south's progress:

- Better infrastructure of roads, power plants and factories.
- More capable administrators.
- A less entrenched bureaucracy.

Those advantages meant little when northern party cadres and government administrators moved in to take over and put the south on the road to socialism.

"They searched this house five times and arrested me twice," said a Chinese maker of consumer goods who asked not to be identified. "Now I am producing again, but I still don't trust the communists."

The south is, in effect, converted its communist conquerors.

The biggest sign of that conversion came when Nguyen Van Linh, veteran communist who spent most of his career in the south, took over the Communist Party leadership in December 1986 on a wave of anger at the economic failures of communist doctrine."

Linh, citing his experiences in the more free-wheeling south, launched a programme that called for increased political democracy and more economic freedom.

"We are trying to encourage the development of private enterprise," said Nguyen Vinh Nghiep, vice-chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City.

Capital

Unlike impoverished northerners, some southerners managed to squirrel away enough capital to take advantage of the new relaxation on private enterprise.

Ho Chi Minh City is full of small workshops and grim factories producing everything from elegant black lacquerware to parts for the motorcycles that buzz through the street.

The 8 per cent unemployment rate contrasts with the 20 per cent unemployment of the rest of the country. Although many in the city live in desperate poverty, there is an aura of hope and energy missing in Hanoi.

Street bustle with shoppers and vendors. Stores are full of imported goods unknown to the northern capital, along with local sharpshirts outside ready to deal — and sometimes cheat — in foreign currency and goods.

Ho Chi Minh City claims the highest export volume of all Vietnam's provinces — 22 to 25 per cent of national exports. Nghiep said exports increased 20 per cent last year over 1986 and this year a

"This was the first time we had a contested election," he said. "That is a source of joy to us."

With the north increasingly unable to feed its fast-growing population, the more productive farms of the south have become crucial.

Truong Cong Tin, deputy director of the Technical Institute of Agronomy of South Vietnam, said southern farmers produce about 9 million tons of rice per year, compared with 4.5 to 5 million tons in the north and another 3 million tons from central regions.

This year, he said, the south would send about 1.5 million tons to feed northerners on the edge of starvation.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1566 — Iconoclastic riots by fanatical Calvinists break out in the Netherlands.
- 1627 — French forces under Cardinal Richelieu begin siege of La Rochelle against Huguenots, which English are unable to relieve.
- 1664 — Truce of Vasvar ends war between Turkey and Holy Roman Empire, whereby rival armies are to withdraw from Transylvania.
- 1741 — Prussia's King Frederick II takes Breslau in Poland.
- 1787 — Turkey declares war on Russia, fearing designs on Georgia.
- 1792 — French monarchy is overthrown as mobs in Paris attack palace of King Louis XVI.
- 1842 — Lord Ashley's Mine Act prevents women and children under 10 years from working underground in Britain.
- 1866 — Bolivia and Chile sign treaty under which territory between Andes and Pacific Ocean is ceded to Chile.
- 1904 — Japan's Navy cripples Russian fleet off Port Arthur.
- 1913 — Peace ending Balkan war is signed in Bucharest.
- 1914 — France declares war on Austria-Hungary at start of World War I.
- 1919 — Anglo-White Russian forces defeat Soviet forces in north Dvina.
- 1945 — Japan offers to surrender in World War II if emperor will be permitted to keep his throne.
- 1962 — Soviet Union rejects proposed US inspection plan as part of any disarmament agreement.
- 1987 — Police disperse striking mine workers who halted rail and road travel as more than 100 strikes cripple South Korea's industries.

Arab Times

By Kathy Cuddihy

FOR many of us, one of the nice things about living overseas is the annual pilgrimage home. Warm thoughts of distant family and friends comfort us during the year until, at last, it's time to escape our daily routine and return to the fold. We remember people and places as they were when we left and we have a pretty firm conviction that once we get home everything will be just right, just like it supposedly used to be, according to our rosy-tinted recollections. Why, despite the fact that we continually prove ourselves wrong, do we persist in this belief?

The euphoria of being home begins to wear a little thin when forgotten family quirks rear their ugly heads. Like flowers blooming after a desert rain, a dormant memory revives and recalls just how much these idiosyncrasies used to irritate. A little buzz in the head goes off when a cousin puts 3 heaping teaspoons of sugar in his tea, and then doesn't bother to stir it. Or when an uncle finishes every third sentence with "Don't you see what I mean?" It's even more unsettling when a few new affections emerge to titillate the nerves.

But if seeing family on home leave can become stressful, so can not seeing them. Who hasn't been made to suffer pangs of guilt for not visiting a relative? It never occurs to these hypersensitive individuals that there's a slight imbalance when your initial effort has involved travelling half way around the world to get home, but they can't bother to travel a few miles to see you.

Part of the reason for this seeming lack of consideration is the fact that so many people at

Surviving home leave



home think that people like us are just on another one of our holidays. (Wouldn't that be nice!) No doubt it would solve a lot of problems if our bankers, brokers, lawyers, accountants, doctors, dentists and real estate agents were related to us!

Then we could combine those usually inevitable business burdens with those always inevitable family duties. Instead, we are left with the task of trying to fit everything and everyone into our limited leave time — a feat which requires the stamina to withstand 20-hour days on a regular basis. Our resulting drained, strained pallor often evokes such succinct comments as "Relax, you're supposed to be on holiday."

Shopping is a "holiday" activity which receives undue scrutiny. "My goodness, dearie, don't you like to have a good splurge! The way you spend money, it's no wonder your husband has to keep working over there. I know

you say some things are difficult to get but really, can any place be that isolated nowadays?" Try living where we live, "dearie," and see how well you survive with a narrow mind... and no stock of supplies.

Few of us budget for the unexpected time consumers, like investigating some investment property for a brother who has no more business sense than a rice pudding. Or checking out a theory that the doctor and lawyer of a widowed aunt are bleeding her out of her inheritance.

And speaking of budget, that's another thing there's never enough of! By the end of home leave, our thighs have worn marks from constantly putting our hands in and out of our pockets. It's like a sophisticated timing device: the minute we touch home soil, the insurance policies fall due, the lawnmower decides to break down, the roof needs repairs, and the car finally dies.

Life would definitely be a lot simpler without these emotional, financial, and physical stresses. But does the expatriate ever learn? Never. We've just confirmed our homeward reservations. Before we get where we're going, we can look forward to tiring travel to and from several airports, tedious hours waiting for flights (both on time and delayed), and enough flying time to qualify for a pilot's licence.

But I guess we wouldn't have it any other way. After all, home is where the heart is. Once we're there, all the effort will have been worthwhile, life will fall neatly into place, and everything will be just right... at least that's what we want to believe.

Friends are as potent an obligation as family, but

Are you the marrying kind?

By Frances Rafferty

DO YOU dream of yourself cosy at home with your loved one living happily ever after? Or does the sound of wedding bells turn you cold? Do this fun quiz and find out if you are the marrying kind.

1. Your idea of an ideal night out is:

- a) going to a nightclub?
- b) a candlelit dinner for two?
- c) snuggling up on the sofa with your partner and watching a soppy film?
- d) having a dinner party for a few friends?

2. When you get your salary, do you:

- a) settle your bills and then treat yourself to a new outfit?
- b) have a good night out?
- c) think of how much more you will save?
- d) work out how many of your debts you can pay off?

3. When it comes to children do you:

- a) adore them?
- b) think they are nuisances?
- c) think they are cute?
- d) like playing with them, but get bored very quickly?

4. At a party do you:

- a) check out the talent then make your move?
- b) dance all night with your partner?
- c) dance with a few friends?
- d) sit in the kitchen nursing a drink?

5. On average, do your relationships last:

- a) one month?
- b) six months?
- c) one year?
- d) two years or more?

6. In your career are you:

- a) very ambitious?
- b) working steadily up the ladder?
- c) just doing it for the money?
- d) looking for a change?

7. When it comes to falling in love, do you:

- a) take your time before com-



- miting yourself?
 - b) do it every day of the week?
 - c) enjoy passionate affairs?
 - d) suddenly find yourself smitten?
8. Do you tell lies:
- a) with great accomplishment and embellishment?
 - b) with a crimson blush?
 - c) only if you need to?
 - d) all the time?
9. Do you think getting on with your partner's family is:
- a) very important?
 - b) impossible?
 - c) nice if you can?
 - d) a necessary evil?
10. When it comes to hobbies and sporting activities are you:
- a) into a regular routine?
 - b) obsessive?
 - c) a dilettante?



- b) tell them to behave themselves — but in joking way?
- c) phone the hotel twice a day to say how much you are missing them?
- d) worry the whole time whether they will be faithful?

15. What contributes most towards a long and happy marriage:

- a) money?
- b) love?
- c) trust?
- d) companionship?

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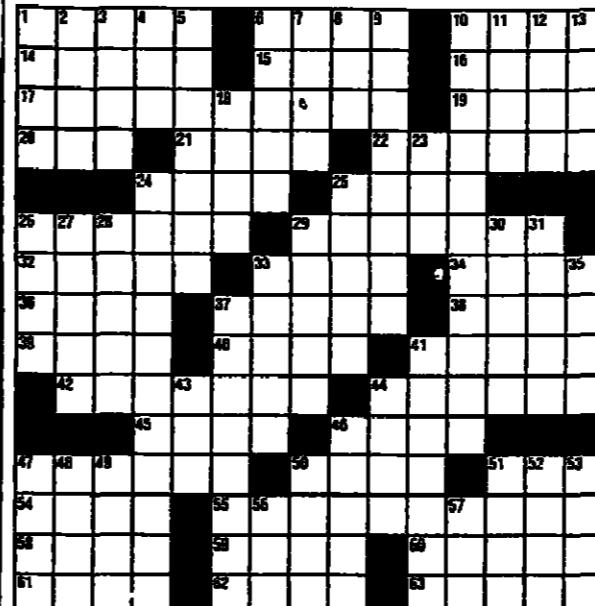
● If you scored 0-15: You are too footloose to be dragged up the aisle. Anyway, you are probably too interested in yourself for anybody to want you. There's a good chance however, you'd make a good lover... you've probably had lots of practice! But maybe you should look to settle down a little bit. You won't always want the wild life.

● If you scored 16-30: There are still a number of things you want to do in life before you settle down to marry. But once you have sown your oats or earned the job you are after, you will look forward to nuptial bliss. But make sure you find a partner who is equally ambitious... at least then they'll understand you better.

● If you scored 31-45: You are just ready to take the plunge, but realistic enough to know that marriage isn't always a bed of roses. You may still have a roving eye — but fortunately that is all.

● If you scored more than 45: You lie in bed at night dreaming of a fairytale wedding, but think less about the true meaning of marriage. You will make a good partner for life, but can be possessive and unwilling to socialise at times.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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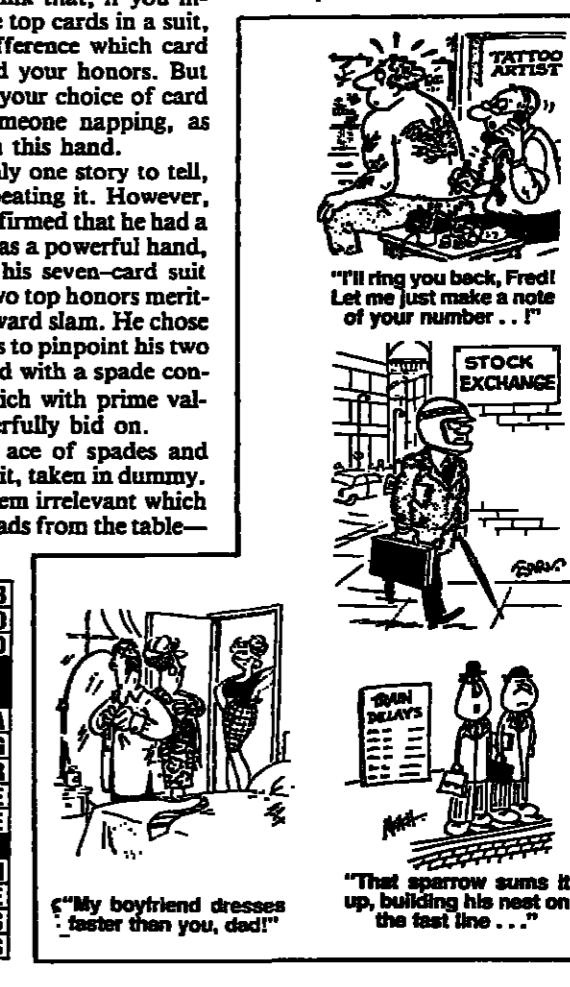
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Opening lead: Ace of ♦

One might think that, if you intend cashing the top cards in a suit, it makes no difference which card you lead toward your honors. But once in a while your choice of card might catch someone napping, as was the case on this hand.

South had only one story to tell, and he kept repeating it. However, when North confirmed that he had a heart fit as well as a powerful hand, South felt that his seven-card suit headed by the two top honors merited one move toward slam. He chose to bid five hearts to pinpoint his two spade losers, and with a spade control in a hand rich with prime values, North cheerfully bid on.

West led the ace of spades and continued the suit, taken in dummy. Now it might seem irrelevant which heart declarer leads from the table—



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to overcome a certain degree of uncertainty. You should make sure you do not exaggerate or exceed the limits of safety. Pay a little more attention to your private life. Be less conspicuous.



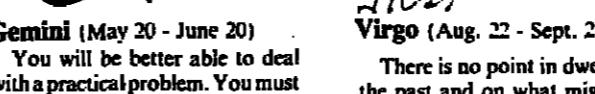
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

This is going to be a good day for you but you must exercise some degree of caution. You should not allow work to encroach upon your personal life. Do not say one thing and do another. Be loyal.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be better able to deal with what is ahead of you and to take the action needed. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity — how good you will not appreciate until later. Have more care for your health. Be sensible.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

There is no point in dwelling on the past and on what might have been. You should keep yourself abreast of some changes that are in the offing. Do all you can to dispel some doubts. Be impartial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be in your element but must avoid going too far. If you do not observe the limits of propriety you may well come

Cocaine linked to panic attacks

By Rob Stein

BOSTON: Cocaine and other stimulants, already linked to myriad health problems, may also cause terrifying panic attacks, a researcher says.

Dr Henry Abraham of St Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston, said he found evidence linking the use of cocaine and other stimulants to abnormal electrical activity in the brain associated with panic attacks.

"We can say [drug use] certainly appears to have a delayed association with panic," said Abraham, director of psychiatric research at the hospital.

About 6 per cent of the US population is estimated to experience panic attacks. The attacks involve rapid heart-beat, a strong sense of impending doom and signs of anxiety, such as sweaty palms and difficulty breathing.

"It's one of the most frightening things that could occur," said Abraham.

Hallucinations

Abraham said he stumbled onto the apparent association when he was studying the electrical activity in the brains of people who suffered visual hallucinations long after taking LSD.

Abraham used a computerized method known as brain electrical activity map or BEAM to study the brains of eight patients who had been experiencing the hallucinations. He noticed four of the eight also had panic attacks, he said.

"I said, 'Gee, that just doesn't sound random,'" said Abraham. The panic attack rate was about 10 times higher than that which would be found in the general population, he said.

Abraham said he then tested 10 patients suffering from panic attacks and found eight had abnormal electrical activity in a part of the brain known as the temporal lobes. All eight had used some type of psychostimulant, including cocaine, LSD or amphetamines, Abraham said.

The panic attack patients were then compared to an equal number of panic attack patients who had no signs of abnormal electrical activity in the brain.

Drugs

When the researchers analyzed a variety of factors that may have been involved, they found a past history of drug use was the strongest predictor of who was likely to have abnormal brain activity and panic attacks.

The temporal lobes are parts of the brain involved in controlling the so-called "fight-flight" response, so it makes sense that abnormalities in that part of the brain could create a sense of panic, Abraham said.

Abraham speculated drug use could affect this part of the brain, altering the electrical activity to create make them more prone to experiencing sensations of panic.

The subjects in the study had used drugs anywhere from two months to 18 years previous to being studied, he said.

Abraham, who reported his findings at a recent meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Montreal, said more research is needed to explore the connection between drug use and panic attacks.

Flying hope to the blind

By Mary Kemp

THE boy in the airliner looked at his watch. Then looked again. For the first time in eight years he could see the dial.

For when 16-year-old Ahmet Soysal first came aboard the white, four-engined DC-8 he was blind.

He was just one of thousands of people who make a pilgrimage to the plane, often called the Great White Bird, who experience a miracle. They are released from a world of darkness by a medical team who fly from country to country.

During the last six years Project Orbis has completed 81 three-week missions in 53 countries and restored the sight of more than 500,000 patients.

The doctors aboard Orbis don't only perform eye operations, often on people who would otherwise be without hope. They teach others to do the same as they circle the Earth for ten months every year on their mission of mercy.

Sometimes, it is Operation Heartbreak. For the medical team of 12 has only a limited number of healing hands.

In African countries, the Executive Director of Project Orbis, Oliver Foot, admits the biggest problem is turning people away. He says: "It's absolutely heartbreaking, especially when you're woken up at three in the morning by a mother with a child on her hip begging for help."

Educate

"But if we can educate doctors and nurses to combat blindness in the end we're going to give sight to a lot more people."

Then there are the colourful visitors. In Swaziland doctors come on board wearing lion cloths, feathered headgear and carrying spears. At first they thought the Orbis team was bad magic. But after watching a patient having a corneal transplant they announced them good magic.

In Mali, West Africa, four blind people arrived by camel from Timbuctoo, a two-week journey away.

But the main work of the flying hospital, which costs \$6 million a year to keep in the air, is healing and teaching.

I went aboard the veteran aircraft when it was taking a break at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, before flying on to

The veteran DC-8 flies round the world, its medical team bringing sight to thousands of blind people. And it's kept in the air by faith, hope ... and a miracle of charity all of its own.

Bulgaria. Inside the DC-8 which cost \$2 million dollars to convert into a teaching hospital, was an operating theatre, sophisticated microsurgical equipment and an elaborate audio visual unit.

Oliver Foot, the 41-year-old son of Lord Caradon, Britain's one-time ambassador to the United Nations and the nephew of the former Labour leader Michael Foot, explains:

"There are 11 cameras dotted all over the plane. Each operation can be watched, live, by 20 doctors sitting in our classroom on board. Plus we screen it to the airport where a further 300 can watch and learn."

"Our next step is to get satellites. That way the whole world will be our classroom."

The Great White Bird flies over borders, political differences and wars without missing a beat of its four lusty engines. Oliver adds: "There are some 400 major conflicts in the world. We focus the attention of medical and political leaders on alleviating human suffering through the skills of teaching and goodwill."

In its operating theatre, Jew and Arab and Nicaraguan and American may work together. For miracles know no boundaries.

Take the miracle of Ahmet Soysal, a 16-year-old Turkish boy blinded in both eyes by an accident, who touched the hearts of the entire Orbis team. Oliver Foot recalls: "We sat him in the laser room and after two minutes of laser surgery brought him into the cockpit."

Witnessed

"He was wearing a watch on his wrist that had been given to him on his eighth birthday. Apparently he had just learned to read the time before he was blinded. "We were all just sitting around and talking when suddenly Ahmet looked down at his watch and told the time."

"It was wonderful, but what was even more wonderful was that a couple of Turkish eye surgeons had witnessed the operation and had learned how to perform laser surgery. Now

thousands of Turks like Ahmet are being cured."

And the doctors and their dedicated team give up worldly wealth to help in the great medical crusade.

Three years ago Dr Steve LauKaitis gave up a lucrative, private practice in America to join Project Orbis. Now, while his colleagues are raking in millions, he gets a daily allowance of \$25. Everyone else who works on Orbis gets the same. Instead Dr LauKaitis is rewarded with thousands of 'miracles' as he restores the sight of the world's blind.

And they give up, too, much of their private lives. Even though the doctors and nurses are young and lively there is no time for relationships as they are either airborne or working.

And there are some financial miracles, too. Otherwise the Great White Bird would be long since grounded.

When Orbis was grounded in Florida with \$1 million debts, Oliver Foot flew to Saudi Arabia, was granted a sitting with the Crown Prince, Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, and a month later received a donation of half a million dollars.

Brain-child

Nowadays, Oliver gets his money from international corporations and governments. The cost of each three-week mission is between £80,000 and £200,000 depending on how much free fuel and hotel accommodation the Project can beg.

One of the jobs of Director of Operations, Patrick Healy, a 35-year-old ex-commercial pilot, is to solicit fuel companies. He explains: "The DC-8 eats up around \$175,000 worth of fuel every year. But the generosity of people is amazing."

"On a recent visit to the USSR we were given £150,000 worth of fuel and hotel accommodation. Right now we're having a fuel leak and a crack on the wing fixed and the Dutch airline KLM are footing the £25,000 bill."

Project Orbis was the brain child of a Houston eye-surgeon

called Dr David Paton. He believed the most effective way of teaching surgical skills was the direct-hands-on training.

Oliver Foot first met Dr Paton in 1982 while he was visiting his childhood home in Jamaica. His father had been an ambassador there. Now the former actor, who remembers the Duke Edinburgh reading him bedtime stories, lives a hectic life flitting between his humble, one-bedroomed apartment in New York and the rest of the world.

While this writer was at Schiphol airport, the crew of 20, including doctors, nurses, anaesthetists, engineers and administrators were preparing for a gruelling 15 weeks of missions, starting in Bulgaria and ending up in Thailand.

Skills

Led by the exuberant and affable Oliver Foot, a party of leading Dutch ophthalmologists are being given a guided tour of the DC-8, the oldest still flying in the world. They take a break in the fuselage classroom to watch a video of a cataract operation, recorded live when Orbis was in Sudan.

Oliver gives a running commentary: "We may carry out up to four operations a day but our primary purpose is to educate ophthalmologists around the world in the business of preventing, treating and curing blindness."

Hailed as the 'great white bird of hope', in many undeveloped countries, Orbis is equally revered in countries such as Spain and the USSR,

who are leaders in eye surgery. Dr Steve LauKaitis of the Project Orbis performs laser surgery on a patient.

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Surgical skills are collected from developed countries and passed on to the Third World.

In China, Orbis doctors watched a tiny, 25-cent, silicon bead removing cataracts, and told doctors in the Philippines about it.

And sometimes it brings a medical revolution with it. For example in 1982, when they touched down in Peru, they were told that corneal transplants were against the law because of religious and superstitious reasons. Replacement of a scarred cornea brings full sight to many people who blind or nearly blind.

But because the Orbis team were on the 'neutral' ground of an aeroplane they were allowed to carry out a transplant of an 11-year-old girl. They used corneas that had been shipped over from Texas. President Bellaunde of Peru watched the operation. It was a success and two weeks after Orbis had left Peru, President Bellaunde

amended the law.

Now there are more than 300 corneal transplants a year in Peru.

Meanwhile back in the fuselage, Oliver shows his Dutch guests a video of their mission to Mali, which coincided with the project's sixth anniversary. Oliver enthuses:

"It was the most wonderful event in Orbis' history. 110 representatives from 17 different countries attended training programmes."

"Even the Russian and American ambassadors arrived together. Because we are nominal political we cut across everybody boundary, border and type of bureaucracy. Orbis is a symbol of international solidarity."

The Dutch visitors stand at the aeroplane's doorway shaking hands with the entire crew. They turn to climb down the steps to the tarmac.

For hundreds of blind people all over the world this is the first thing they see in their lives.

PET scan: new way of identifying heart attack risks

By Lidia Wasowicz

BERKELEY, California (UPI): Scientists have developed a technique that shows promise of being able to pinpoint blocked coronary arteries, identifying patients at risk for heart attack before any symptoms appear.

The methods, based on studies by researchers at Lawrence Berkeley laboratory, uses a nuclear imaging technique called positron emission tomography, or PET.

"Over the past 10 years, our team has developed a technique for evaluating the flow of blood to the heart muscle," a measurement that reflects the health of the coronary arteries," said Dr Thomas Budinger, head of the research medicine and radiation biophysics division.

Currently, only a coronary angiogram can show arterial blockage. This is a complicated, expensive and risky procedure that requires hospitalisation and involves running a tube called a catheter up an artery from the groin to the heart and pumping in dye. Budinger said.

In contrast, he said, PET scans could be performed in the doctor's office as part of an annual check-up and could point out potential trouble long before any outward symptoms appeared.

In this procedure, the patient inhales, ingests or is injected with a positron-emitting radioactive tracer that concentrates in a particular organ or tissue. The tracer is detected through a ring of crystals placed around the patient. The resulting three-dimensional image of the tracer enables doctors to follow the course of organic processes in progress.

In the coronary artery studies, researchers used the tracer rubidium-82 because of its metabolic resemblance to potassium, an important biological element absorbed so quickly into the heart muscle that within minutes of an injection, the heart can be seen clearly on a PET scan.

In addition, rubidium-82 has only a 75-second half-life and disappears from the heart almost instantly. This allows researchers to perform a scan, test a particular treatment such as a drug or exercise and then follow up with another scan to measure the effect of the therapy.

Budinger's team began human tests of the procedure two years ago on patients with arteriosclerosis and heart disease.

The patient first exercises briefly or, at times, is given a drug that mimics the effect of exercise, dilating the coronary arteries and allowing increased blood flow to heart muscles. A PET scan is then taken.

Areas

The images showed that in the arteriosclerotic patients, certain areas of the heart received decreased — rather than increased — blood flow.

"These are the areas that are served by diseased arteries that cannot dilate," Budinger explained.

After a short rest, a second PET scan is taken.

"In the diseased patients, the difference between the two images is remarkable," Budinger said.

"The patients not only have a decrease in blood flow during exercise but also show a greater increase than normal patients immediately afterwards, during the recovery period. This reversal was a striking and unexpected observation."

Such ability to measure blood flow has become particularly important with the introduction of drugs designed to be injected into coronary arteries to dissolve clots during a heart attack.



Dr Raphael Grullon, staff ophthalmologist of the Orbis team. During the last six years Project Orbis has completed 81 missions in 53 countries and has restored the sight of more than 500,000 patients.

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

THROAT CULTURES NOT ALWAYS ACCURATE

QUESTION: My girlfriend and I recently took our children to their respective pediatricians with complaints of sore throat. My friend's doctor took a throat culture and waited for the results before giving her daughter antibiotics. Mine, on the other hand, just gave my child penicillin. Do you think a culture should be done before a sore throat is treated?

ANSWER: The controversy over the best means of diagnosing strep throat is a never-ending one. All physicians seem to agree that patients treated for a strep infection of the throat have fewer complications than those that are not, but throat cultures are not always accurate. The fact is they may be negative even when the infection is caused by the strep bacteria, so throat cultures cannot always be relied on.

Most doctors examine their patients carefully and, depending upon their findings, make the decision to treat immediately or to do further tests. If it is obviously from the examination that the child is likely to have a strep throat then treatment can begin at once. It is the young patient where the

findings are unclear who benefits from having a throat culture, reserving treatment for those with positive cultures.

I would imagine that this is exactly what happened with both of your children. Most doctors today are extremely sensitive to medical costs and to the sometimes potential dangers that exist from dispensing medications freely without strong enough medical evidence to support their use.

Always remember that in medicine today there is usually more than one way to correctly treat the same condition.

QUESTION: My grandson was just born with an abnormally wrinkled stomach. My daughter has been told he has "prune belly" syndrome. What is this? Is it dangerous? What must be done to help him?

ANSWER: Prune belly syndrome affects mostly boys and is caused by a deficiency in the abdominal muscles. It also is associated with abnormal development of the urinary and genital systems.

The baby's abdominal wall gets severely stretched because of a deficiency in the

abdominal musculature. Because these muscles are weak, the skin of the abdomen is severely stretched by the pressure of the bowel and bladder. When the pressure is relieved, the skin then collapses back into a mass of wrinkles, looking like the surface of a large prune, thus the "prune belly" syndrome. Fortunately, as long as your daughter works closely with a doctor who understands this problem, your grandson can lead a normal life.

The physician will keep an eye on the growth and development of the bladder, which may be distended in the early stages of this problem. It is also imperative that the doctor monitor the kidneys continuously, as there is sometimes kidney atrophy. Major complications usually are avoided with proper care, and the parents and grandparents can enjoy all the joy a child brings to a family, with just a little additional care and attention. Good luck to your grandson.

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Federal Reserve raises discount rate

WASHINGTON, Aug 9. (Reuter): The Federal Reserve, the US central bank, said today it was raising its key discount rate by half a point to 6.5 per cent.

The rate, which is the fee the Fed charges banks for short term loans, was last raised on Sept. 4, 1987.

The Federal Reserve has nudged other interest rates higher in recent weeks in an effort to cool the economy and prevent inflationary pressures from building up.

But Wall Street economists had not expected the Fed, all of whose members were appointed by President Reagan, to raise the psychologically important discount rate so close to the November presidential election.

Rise

The interest rate rise, which took effect immediately, could mean higher rates throughout the US economy.

The Federal Reserve said the surprise move to raise the discount rate reflected "the intent of the Federal Reserve to reduce inflationary pressures."

The action was also taken in light of the growing spread of market interest rates over the discount rate, "it added.

The six Fed governors were unanimous in approving the rate increase.

Highest interest rates could damage Vice-President George Bush's White House prospects by undermining his efforts to take credit for Reagan success in reducing inflation.

Expansion

Although the economy is in its 69th month of expansion, a number of opinion polls suggest Americans are uneasy about future prosperity, and higher rates could further damage their confidence.

On Wall Street, stock prices fell after the Fed announced the discount rate rise: "The dollar, which had been firming in recent days, remained near the day's highs after the announcement."

US economic growth has been surprisingly strong despite the October 19 stock market crash. The economy grew at a brisk 3.1 per cent annual rate of growth between April and June after a robust 3.4 per cent growth rate in the first quarter.

The strong pace of economic growth has raised concern in the financial markets and the US central bank that the economy might overheat and rekindle inflation.

Increase

Financial analysts have said an increase in interest rates would help slow the economy to levels that would reduce pressures for price increases.

In its latest forecast, the Fed said US gross national product should grow by 2.75 per cent to three per cent this year, but slow to around two to 2.5 per cent next year.

The rise in interest rates could lend credence to the assertion by Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis that the recovery is in jeopardy because of the Reagan administration's tolerance of high federal budget and trade deficits.

Barwil tries to increase activities

THE world-wide shipping agency chain, Barwil, has called for a meeting of its various general managers, in Oslo today and tomorrow, in order to discuss the recent developments in the Middle East. With a possible ceasefire and peace agreement between Iran and Iraq, Barwil is preparing for increased activities in the area.

Services

Barwil does not only act as shipping agents, but provides total transport services throughout their own fleet of utility boats as well as feeder vessels, trucks and barges. The president of Barwil's head office in Oslo, Hakon Oestberg, says that "Barwil has been in the Middle East for more than 15 years, we have offices staffed with our own well experienced people in all areas, who are ready to service all customers."

KIO signs legally-binding deeds

Kuwait pledges to limit BP stake

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuter): Kuwait pledged today not to raise its 21.68 per cent stake in oil giant British Petroleum Co. PLC (BP), assuaging takeover fears in Britain.

The London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) signed legally-binding deeds which oil analysts said effectively promised not to mount a takeover of Britain's biggest oil company.

Concern grew in Britain after the KIO, which spends the OPEC state's petrodollars, began snapping up cheap BP

stock after its share price collapsed in the October stock market crash.

The collapse coincided with the British government's decision to sell off its remaining 31.5 per cent stake in BP.

Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young launched a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) inquiry into the stake in May to judge whether it was against public interest.

Industry sources said BP's management became progressively worried when the Kuwait

stake was on the increase, fearing BP's independence could be impaired.

Oil experts said it appeared that by signing a formal document, Kuwait hoped to keep BP share firms firm and guarantee the MMC would approve its stake.

Kuwait had already given assurances to the British government that it would limit its involvement in BP.

"They are putting in writing what they already promised, to increase their chances of clearing the MMC inquiry," said oil

analyst Jeremy Elden of stockbrokers Phillips and Drew.

The KIO said it will not limit its stake to the current 21.68 per cent and will not use the voting power of more than 14.9 per cent of the company's stock.

It also agreed not to block any board appointments proposed by BP and said it will not seek a directorship itself.

"Kuwait will use its interest in BP only to protect its investment and not to further any other commercial or political interest of Kuwait," it said.

Should the KIO sell any shares

it will never in future buy more 20 per cent of the company, it added.

The deeds were signed without pressure from the British government and will stay in force whatever the results of the MMC investigation, which are expected in the next month.

The MMC has been told about the deeds and they will form part of the KIO's evidence to the inquiry.

The stock market welcomed the Kuwait pledge and BP fully-paid shares rose five pence (8.5 cents) to £2.62.

Shipbuilding a drag on Indian economy: Sheth

BOMBAY: Aug 9: the Indian shipping industry should go for a "second Indian flag like Norway" to reap the benefits of "flags of convenience" (FOC).

"If we cannot beat the world trend towards flags of convenience, we must join them," observed Vasant Sheth, chairman of Great Eastern Shipping, here last week.

Speaking at a seminar organised by the College of Insurance, he pointed out that about 40 per cent of the world ships were registered under such popular flags (i.e. FOCs). In fact, "there is competition between second flags of European nations like the Norwegian International Flag and the traditional flags of convenience for being the most popular flags."

The fundamental fact which India has to accept is the fierce international competition of these totally independent shipowners with low operating costs under such popular flags. We must have, therefore, a second Indian flag like Norway."

Costs

The shipowners from developed countries began to register their ships under the flags of convenience because of their high operating costs.

especially manning costs and high taxes. Registration under the FOC countries gave them freedom from national regulations regarding scale of manning, rates of wages, social service payments and taxation.

During the recent shipping depression, developed maritime countries suffered a further setback because of their higher costs of operation under their own national flags.

Acting

Referring to Indian shipyards, Sheth observed that the shipbuilding activity in the country was "a drag on Indian economy." It was always known that shipbuilding was not a paying proposition for two reasons: (1) various types of equipment and components needed in the process of shipbuilding were just not readily available in India and (2) the production per man-hour was nowhere comparable with the European shipyards (leaders in the field in the early 1950's, now the leaders are South Korea and Japan) and later with the efficient Japanese.

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Sheth referred to tramp shipping activity and said that India should not confine itself to the "groove of Indian ships for Indian trade or a role of purely import substitution," but also vigorously embark on an additional effort in carrying cargoes in cross trades or to develop Indian shipping as an export industry to earn foreign exchange through invisible exports of shipping services.

widening. In the 1950's the subsidy needs of an Indian shipyard were 20-25 per cent, while today, these are currently over 100 per cent."

Even the rich West European countries, including the UK and Scandinavian countries which built over 70 per cent of the world's ships in the early 1950's, have substantially reduced their shipbuilding activity because of the very heavy subsidies they had to pay year after year in competition with the Japanese.

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Argentina launches battle against 320pc inflation

BUENOS AIRES: President Alfonsin of Argentina promised to launch a "decisive battle against inflation" as his government announced an emergency economic package aimed at curbing an inflation rate of over 320 per cent a year and reducing the budget deficit, reports the Daily Telegraph.

The measures, widely regarded as Alfonsin's last chance to solve pressing economic problems before general elections next year, include a price freeze and wage freeze, new currency policies, cuts in public spending and a further opening up of the economy.

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Red capital causes problems in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Aug 9. (UPI): China's "red capitalists" are not waiting for 1997 to move into Hong Kong's free enterprise system, but some of their tactics are disrupting the British colony's traditional business world.

Beijing's drive toward modernisation and a market economy has made China the largest single investor in Hong Kong, which reverts to China in 1997 at the expiry of Britain's 99-year lease on the territory.

Already, Chinese capitalists have had many conflicts with local and foreign traders, especially over bidding for projects. They are criticised for offering prices well below the break-even point, squeezing small local investors and eventually causing losses to the state when they lost money on the deals.

Competition

"By the fact that they are using state capital, there can be no free competition," said Paul Lin, an expert in Chinese economy at Hong Kong University. "Banks

are very willing to lend to Chinse-funded companies, but not to local businesses."

China has overtaken the United States as the leading source of foreign investment in Hong Kong during the past two years. Analysts estimate about 3,000 enterprises in Hong Kong are Chinese, with a total capitalisation of \$6 billion to \$10 billion. US investment totals slightly less than \$6 billion.

State capital from China has been here for years, but the influx began after the Sino-British agreement in 1984 "to maintain stability and prosperity" — the declared aim of the accord — in Hong Kong, Lin said.

The Chinese capital has extended to hotel, construction, public works projects and even the risky property and realty markets, going well beyond the traditional China trade items such as food, medicine and arts and crafts.

"It's good that Chinese funds started coming when British funds began leaving during the Sino-British talks," said Xu

Simin, a Hong Kong delegate to the national committee of Chinese people's political consultative conference. "But the unlimited influx of socialist state capital is going to affect adversely the operation of this free economy."

"Under the pretext of stabilising the Hong Kong economy, the companies are not operating according to the rules of capital game."

Plans

"These people don't have plans and clear goals, devastating medium- to small-sized local businesses with huge amounts of state funds. Loss to them is just like paying tuition fees. They don't have to go bankrupt themselves."

"Moreover, their personal lives are more extravagant than general capitalists. They get splendid offices, buy luxurious cars, drink profusely and frequent obscene establishments."

Beijing is aware of the problems. Special investigation teams have been sent to Hong Kong. But their effectiveness is a big question mark.

The investigators spend their time touring around in Hong Kong and had their trucks filled with "presents," said Lin.

Corruption

Some observers are even suspicious that China is, in fact, encouraging corruption by allowing its officials to take home luxury goods such as television sets and video recorders worth about \$1,500 once or twice a year. Their annual salaries only range from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

"Everyone is involved in corruption as a result of the gap between income and expenditure," said a China trader who asked not to be named. "The government just closes its eyes."

On the other hand, some see the influx of Chinese capital and managers as Beijing's commitment to the future of Hong Kong, despite all the disruptions caused.

"You name the problems and I

have them," said Eric Kalkhurst, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce's China Commercial Relations Committee.

"But are they any different from those in other countries? There is corruption everywhere."

Interests

"The 'problematic companies' are small agents only, not 'corporations' by our definition. Minority interests don't make money in general, especially in property and realty," he added. "But the 400 big ones are doing very well."

"It's not surprising that

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London—Electricité de France is issuing a 200 mln dlr Eurobond due Sept 29, 1995 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities said. The amount was increased from an initial 150 mln dls due to good demand, it said. (RTZN 1035)

London—Olympia and York First Canadian Place Ltd., a unit of Olympia and York Ltd., is issuing at 150 mln Canadian dlr Eurobond due Nov 4, 1993 paying 11 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Merrill Lynch Capital Markets said. (RTYX 0915)

Paris—France's BNP Banque said it is issuing 200 mln dls of subordinated perpetual capital notes. The notes were privately placed on the international market. (RTYX 0724)

London—Toyota Motor Credit Corp., a unit of Toyota Motor Corp., is issuing a 75 mln Australian dlr Eurobond due Sept 12, 1991 paying 13 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. (RTTC 1116)

London—Commonwealth Bank of Australia is issuing a 60 mln New Zealand dlr Eurobond due Sept 12, 1991, paying 14 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, sole lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. (RTZC 0945)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11.10-3/4	10-15/16 13/16	11-1/8 11
FFT	4.90/5.00	5.05/15	5.20/30
PAR	6-7/8 7	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRI	5.85	6-11/16 3/4	7-1/8 3/16
RON	10.10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11-11-1/2
AMS	4-7/8 5.0	5-1/4 5-3/8	5-3/8 5-1/2
TOK	3.7500 6125	UNQ	4.0625 1250
ECU	6.75 7.00	6-13/16 15/16	7-1/8 1/4

Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered:
	1 month	6-1/8	6-1/2
	3 months	6-1/8	6-1/2
	6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
	1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

INDIA

PR.	CLOSE	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57.50	56.50	57.50	NICO	585	580	585	
ACC	248	245.50	245	GRASIM	47	46.50	47	NICAND	84	84	83
ASIA PAINT	160	158.7	160	GSFC	107	106.50	107	NOCTL	500	495	485
BAJAJ AUTO	265	262.50	270	RIND LEVER	69.25	69.25	69	PEICO	31	29.50	30.50
BAR. RAYON	230	235	232.50	HINDALCO	92	91	92	PFIZER	61	58	59
BOM. DYEING	115.50	112	113	HINDODCOA	85	83.75	85.25	PRE-AUTO	32.75	32.50	32
BR. BOND	86.50	86	85	HINDOMOT	25	25	25	RAYMOND	50	49	50
BSE INDEX	600.98	600.41	600.41	IND ORG	24	23.50	24.50	RELIANCE	200.50	200.50	203.50
CENTURYSPG	892.50	885	882.50	INDRATON	67	66	65	SIEMENS	70	68	70
COLGATE	222.50	221.75	221.75	INDROL	167	152.50	157.50	SPIC	50.25	49.65	49.25
DEEPAKERT	39.75	39.75	38.50	ITC	44	42	43	STDMILLS	250	250	245
E1. HOTEL	49.75	48	49	JSYNTN	67.25	65	66	TATA PVR	252.50	250	252.50
ESKAIEF	121.25	125.75	121.25	L AND T	113.50	114.113.50	115.50	TATACHEM	74.75	73.50	75.50
ESSAR	18.75	18	18.50	MAHINDRA	57	58	57	TELCO	700	695	692.50
GAR. POLY	79	77.50	77.50	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.10	10.30	TSICO	817.50	812.50	811.25
GE.SHIP	28.50	28.50	28.50	MATHER PL	48.50	48	48	VOLATAS	322.50	320	325

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1200	1210	MITSUBI EL	950	950
AEG	202.3	202.3	AIJINMOTO	2940	2950	MITSUB EST	2420	2400	MITSUBI R&D	950	950
ALLIANZ VR	0	1567.0	AKAI ELEC	620	605	MITSUBI R&V	950	975	MITSUI CO	915	920
BADENMARK	0	182.0	AKOI	962	974	MITSUI KOSH	1900	1930	MITSUOKI	1900	1910
BAASF	0	245.5	ASHAI GLS	1920	1930	MITSUOKI	1900	1930	MITSUOKI	1900	1930
BAFER	299.0	300.7	ASHAI OPT	695	691	MITSUOKI EL	1120	1110	MITSUOKI EL	1120	1110
BAFER HYP	0	334.0	BANK TOKYO	1590	1590	MITSUOKI R&D	1350	1340	MITSUOKI R&D	1350	1340
BAFER VER	0	335.5	BRIDGESTON	1350	1350	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
BBC	0	306.2	CANON	1520	1390	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
BHF	0	425.0	CASIO COMP	1280	1290	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
BM	497.0	497.0	CHUGAI PHN	1620	1630	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
COMMERZBK	230.0	230.0	CITIZEN W	829	848	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
CONTI GUMM	261.0	262.3	D-ICHI KAM	3080	3050	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
DAINEN BEN	672.0	674.0	DAI NIP IK	821	815	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
DEUTSC BNK	0	483.0	DAI NIP PT	2500	2520	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
DLV	0	368.0	DAI NIP SC	1100	1100	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
DRESDNER B	0	257.2	DAI NIP TO.	625	630	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
DT BAROCK	0	185.0	DAICEI	895	896	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
FAZ. INDX	492.01	495.25	DAIMA H	2040	2040	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
FELOMQUEL	0	277.5	DAIMA SEC	2450	2400	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
GOLDSCHMID	0	298.8	EBRA MFG	980	965	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
HARPEREN	0	430.0	EISAI	2070	2090	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
HOECHST AG	0	284.5	FUJITSU	1820	1780	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
HOESCH	0	151.2	FUJI BANK	3200	3240	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
HORTEN	0	201.0	FUJI PHOTO	3760	3740	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
HUSSEL NLD	0	425.0	FUJISAMA	1830	1840	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
KALT SALZ	0	168.5	FUJITA CP	725	723	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
KARSTADT	0	416.0	HITACHI	1930	1900	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
KAUFHOF	356.0	356.0	HONDA MOT	2270	2260	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
KLOECK H	0	138.3	ISEANT	2320	2380	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
KLOECK W	0	101.00	ITO YOKADO	4350	4330	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890
LINDE	698.0	696.0	JAP SYN RU	1110	1100	MITSUOKI SEC	1890	1890	MITSUOKI SEC	1890</td	

BUSINESS

Gold prices drop

Dollar jumps on Fed rate rise

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuter): The dollar jumped again today extending a powerful summer rally after a surprise half point rise to 10.5 per cent in the key US discount rate.

The dollar gained almost two pennies within 45 minutes of the interest rate rise by the Federal Reserve Board (central bank), surging to a quoted high of 1.9170 West German marks — its strongest since early January 1987.

Relatively high US interest rates have been attracting funds to dollar assets all summer. The Americans are keeping interest rates up to pinch consumer spending and damped a risk of inflation in their booming economy, but Fed's discount move was not expected in the money markets.

Increase

"The discount rate increase was a total surprise. It seems a perverse move in the light of Monday's heavy Bundesbank and Federal Reserve intervention to push the dollar down," a dealer for a large West German savings bank said.

Both the West German and US central banks had sold

dollars on Monday, trying to brake its ascent. A stronger dollar threatens inflation in Europe, as import prices rise, and could hamper efforts to narrow the huge US trade deficit.

The dollar had been trading around 1.8950 West German marks in subdued business today just before the US central bank acted. Then it surged to the 1.9170 West German marks — its strongest since early January 1987.

Shares on Wall Street fell after the interest rate rise. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 24 points at 2,083 in the New York morning. Costlier money pinches consumer spending and raises industry's investment costs, crimping profits.

European dealers said the hike pointed to an even higher dollar.

Drive

"They have done it at a time when it will have quite an effect. We'll see the dollar moving a lot higher in the next few days," said Tony Palmer, a corporate dealer at Fuji Bank in London.

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Move

The Fed said the move reflected "the intent of the Federal Reserve to reduce inflationary pressures."

Gold bullion was fixed at a five-month low of \$425.80 an ounce in London, sapped by the strength of the dollar.

Until the discount rate rise share markets had been subdued.

Tokyo dealers said participants in the market there, the world's biggest, were chiefly interested in the National High School Baseball Tournament.

"It's just dead," said Joan Anway, a broker at W. L. Carr (Overseas). "The market has just been playing."

The Nikkei index fell 82.76 points to 28,170.36.

The dollar was also strong against yen, hitting 134.95 yen compared with a close of 133.82 on Monday.

Sterling was in demand earlier after a rise in British interest rates to 11 per cent on Monday. Late business was quoted at \$1.6853 compared with a peak for the day of 1.7080 and Monday's close of 1.6960.

Oil prices were firm as traders continued to take the view that an end of hostilities between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran may strengthen the organisation in its efforts to curb production and erase surpluses from the market.

Typical North Sea Brent blend crude oil traded as high as \$15.50 a barrel in Asia before easing by about 15 cents in Europe. The price was below \$15 late last week.

In London, shares quickly fell to their lows on news the US Federal Reserve raised its discount rate to 6.5 percent from six per cent. Dealers said the move raised speculation of further tightening by other central banks, especially after yesterday's surprise half point rise in

UK base rates.

The FTSE 100 share index dipped to its low on the day of 1,867.4 at 1357 GMT, reflecting a strong sell-off on Wall Street after the discount rate news.

The index recovered slightly to be 7.8 points down at 1,868.2 by 1419 GMT reflecting a modest Wall Street rally. Volume during the afternoon was moderate, dealers said.

Rise

Analysts said the equity market here was unsettled by the timing of the discount rate rise. Few had believed that the Fed would raise its discount rate in the run up to the US presidential elections in November.

Prices rose by up to 60 cents a barrel on Monday as traders took the view that the end of the war could lead to greater cohesion within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Today the market gave up 10 cents of the gains.

Facilities

Industry sources said it might take a year for Iraq to fix or set up temporary export facilities in the Gulf, which would allow it to sell up to 800,000 barrels per day (BPD) on top of its current 2.6 million BPD output. This would make it OPEC's biggest producer after Saudi Arabia.

Iraq will also find it hard to boost crude production in the short-term, since its oilfields, especially offshore, had been largely abandoned during the war due to shortage of manpower and Iraqi air strikes.

Analysts believe Iran will try to make the best use of its Kharg island terminal in the northern Gulf, assuming foreign tankers

also weighed on the market.

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LIFESTYLE

Discovering a whole new world on early morning runs

Making an adventure of jogging

By Peter I. Rose

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.: For me there is nothing better than getting up at the crack of dawn, slipping out of the hotel in the middle of a strange city, making a snap decision about whether to turn left or right, and then jogging off on a new adventure. I do it all the time, in the States and abroad.

Over the past 10 years I have run around the Ringstrasse in Vienna, down dusty roads in suburban Nairobi, through back alleys in Hong Kong, in and out of little villages high above Bellagio, along bustling avenues in Peking, and along the banks of the Liffey, the Thames, the Seine, the Rhine, and many other rivers.

'In places unused to the likes of me, they are sometimes a bit confused by my half-dressed presence as I suddenly appear from around a cobble-stoned corner. . . . I have seen the proverbial 'double take' as early risers look at me, stop and look again, in cities such as Madrid, Mexico City, New Delhi, Dubrovnik, Suva, and Sendai. Then usually, they smile.'

Such running around the world has a special quality to it. It is a kind of inversion of the oxymoron "same difference," which we used to say as kids. The different sameness of what I do to keep in shape and to see new places before starting a day's work is a most satisfying fringe benefit of my itinerant life style. Research projects, meetings, and lectures keep me on the move.

While I have occasion to meet many people and to visit many interesting places on my trips, it is one early-morning jogs and off-hour weekend wanderings that I can especially feel the wondrous unity and amazing diversity of the family of man. Time and again I am struck by continuities and connections between me and those whose habitats provide me with "field

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Sometimes they do more. I was once stopped by an elderly street cleaner on a corner in the centre of Graz, Austria. Shaking her finger, she lectured me in German for at least 10 minutes, explaining that "one must not cross the road against the light," even though it was 5:30 a.m. and there was no traffic in the area.

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Under Big Ben's shadow in London, joggers run and enjoy the sights.

children along Shanghai's Bund and down by the beach at Penang, Malaysia. I've been cheered by Swedes who called "Hup, hup, hup" as I ran along Stockholm's quay and by New Zealanders as I headed into the hills above Christchurch.

My obsession has rarely gotten me into serious trouble.

On the contrary, it has often opened doors. I've found that occasional stops to talk or to try to communicate with the local people can pay off in a variety of ways.

I remember a morning in Xian, China; I ran from the grounds of my big, Soviet-style

hotel, off to the right, toward the centre. There, in the giant plaza of the new provincial building, were hundreds of people in groups ranging from six or eight to 40 or 50, all doing their exercises.

Few paid attention to me as I loped by but was most curious about them.

I ran for another mile or so, then retraced my route. As I returned to the areas of activity, I stopped nearby and watched. At one point a young man came up to me and, in schoolbook English, said, "You jog, sir."

"Yes," I said.
"I do not jog; I exercise with

this," he said, showing me his wooden sword.

I asked him to tell me what he did with it. He bade me follow him, and we walked past several clusters of older people doing a kind of stylized shadowboxing to a waiting group of four young men. My new friend nodded to me, then joined the others. They started an elaborate routine of thrusts and parries, all accompanied by routinized foot movements.

While participating in the swordplay, the young Chinese who brought me there did not look at me, but I did notice him smile when, after 10 minutes or so, I waved at him and took my leave.

There was also the time I was running in the woods near the Holmenkollen ski jump high above the city of Oslo. It was a fantastic fall morning. Everything was in tones of yellow, green, and blue.

Quite unexpectedly, I heard footsteps behind me. Someone was gaining on me. I suppressed the urge to speed up and decided to let him or her pass. He, who turned out to be a man about my age, didn't. He merely caught up, fell in with my pace and started to chat.

We ran along together for another two miles or so, getting to know each other and to learn that, not only was he also a university professor, but one who was in my field and would be attending my lecture that very afternoon.

The next morning I ran with him in another part of the city and in the afternoon he took me to a fishing village I would never have seen. That was 12 years ago. We are still in touch.

What advice can I give to fellow runners who are travelling?

First, if you want to take the tried and true routes, ask a concierge where you can run. It's pleasant to discover that, even in those places where the locals think joggers are a bit crazy, the activity has become sufficiently commonplace that they can usually tell you where to go.

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Paan: pure Eastern delight

By Rebecca Hubbard

THE leaf is mild enough, the crisis coming when its fibres tear and the iron pyrites fall about and get under the tongue. Now the novice rises in disorder, rushes in panic to the courtyard, and spatters shrapnel over the bystanders; it is as if the whole mineral kingdom had invaded him under a vegetable veil, for simultaneously the lime starts stinging. If he can sit still through this, a heavenly peace ensues; the ingredients salute each other, a single sensation is established, and paan, without ceasing to be a problem, becomes a pleasure. — E.M. Forster.

Wherever Pakistani, Indian and Bangladeshi communities form, there is a paan (pronounced pahn). Pan look pretty innocuous, like triangular green samosas made from folded betel leaves. Inside, teeth meet woody betel nut, the misleading name (gained by association with betel leaves in paan) given to golf-ball size areca palm seeds.

Betel parings have beautiful dark markings reminiscent of tortoiseshell. A pinch of finely shredded, roasted, plain or yellow perfumed betel is added to ordinary paan; those with greater masticatory powers order whole slices. Such formidable paan can, I am told, outlast a car journey from London to Birmingham. Other "shrapnel" includes fennel seeds, green cardamom pods, and cloves.

Magician

Paan is medicine rather than food; a digestive chewed cudlike after meals leaving breath sweet and mouth warm, clean and slightly anaesthetised. Some eat it habitually like chewing gum, taking off the wrapper (foil here, newspaper in Asia) and popping one in every hour. From Bombay to Sowthall, addicts bloody the street with characteristic vermilion spittole that, over the years, stains mouths and blackens teeth. Anglo-India would have no truck with paan, dubbing it "a filthy native habit."

Outlets are hard to spot.

Often, paan are sold from tiny counters squashed in beside videos of Mughal-e-Azam or

pistachio milkshake and sugar cane juice.

Cane juice.

Paan making

requires minimal space. In Asia, shops are often little more than a cupboard where the paan-maker sits cross-legged; a magician surrounded by myriad bowls of spices and pastes.

It is worth lashing out 40p just to watch a paan-maker's graceful performance. With deft fingers he dabs on this and sprinkles on that until there is a heap of seeds and goo on a leaf. Then he folds it with precision, unharmed movements. I always find inserting the bulging package a problem. Nibbling or unfolding a paan is improper; etiquette insists that it is squeezed in whole and the consequences awaited.

There are two main types of paan filling, mitha (sweet) and sada (plain). Mitha is beginner's paan, the one paan makers say "the ladies" prefer and which determined Westerners man-

age to keep in. Desiccated coconut and a smear of honey and fragrant rosewater soften impact. Sada is a purist's paan, caustic white lime replacing sweeteners. Approach with caution.

Other paan contain graded chewing tobacco or paste and cost up to £1 a throw. Cognoscenti specify exact paan prescriptions, ordering extra menthol chutney or plenty of liquorice-flavoured mouth shener.

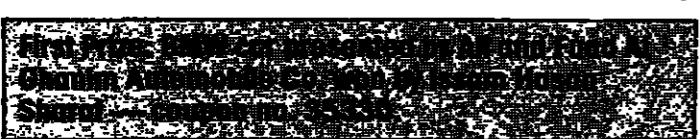
Paan forms a nucleus for social intercourse and hospitality. At night in central Karachi, flashy young men draw up in cars, tony stores blaring for a last Coke and paan. One can also "go to a paan," a low-key party, or give a paan tea with drinks and snacks. At Indian weddings, guests chomp though a couple of hundred mitha specials.



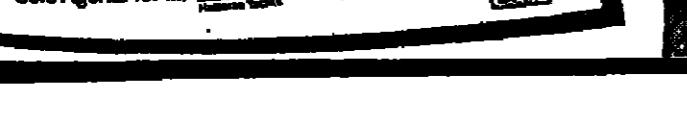
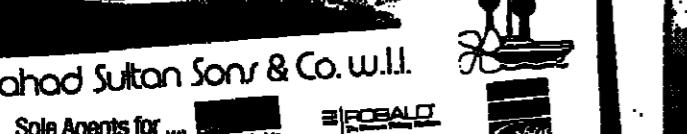
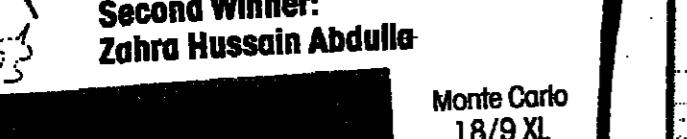
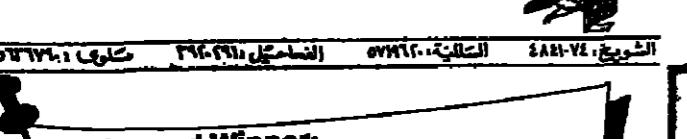
The eating of paan is firmly imbedded in the culture of the Asian subcontinent. This engraving shows women of the 'zenana' (ladies quarter) with the traditional paan box.

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NEW YORK, Aug 9. (AP): The Minnesota Twins' best offense has been a good defense.

The Twins have committed the fewest errors in baseball this season and turned a triple play in the fourth inning against Cleveland to lead them past the Indians 7-2 last night.

"They were threatening. It took momentum from their side and brought it into our dugout," said left fielder Dan Gladden, whose spectacular catch of a liner hit by Joe Carter started the triple play.

The Twins came back with three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

"Baseball is a game played with a lot of emotion and momentum," Gladden said. "They had a rally going and it pretty much killed it."

Alan Anderson, 10-7, gave up singles to Ron Washington and Willie Upshaw, bringing up Carter, the Indians' RBI leader with 7-5. Carter hit a drive to left with Washington and Upshaw running at the crack of the bat.

Gladden leaped against the wall to make the catch and threw back to second baseman Steve Lombardozzi. Lombardozzi tagged Washington as he raced back to second and with Upshaw frozen at second, Lombardozzi threw back to first baseman Gene Larkoco.

Elsewhere in the American League Toronto 5, Kansas City 1; Detroit 3, Texas 2; Seattle 4, California 3; and Oakland 9, Chicago 5.

Double

The triple play preserved a scoreless tie. Kirby Puckett led off the bottom of the fourth with a double against Chris Codioli, 0-3. Gary Gaetti tripled and Larkin hit the next pitch for his fifth homer.

"It was something of a spark, which the club needed at the time," Twins manager Tom Kelly said.

It was the second triple play turned by the Twins this season and the eighth in their 28-year history.

For Toronto, Jeff Musselman allowed three "hits" in seven innings and Ernie White and Tony Fernandez combined for five RBI as the Blue Jays beat Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen for the third straight time this season.

Detroit's Frank Tanana improved to 4-0 against Texas this season and Jim Walewander scored the go-ahead run when reliever Ed Vande Berg balked in the seventh inning.

Jay Buhner singled to snap an eight-inning tie and Mark Langston allowed four hits in eight innings to lead Seattle.

And Mark McGwire hit his 20th home run and Dave Henderson had four of Oakland's 14 hits.

Glen Hubbard hit a Homer, his second of the season and also his second in as many days, and Jose Canseco got his 88th RBI on calendar date 8-8-88 to tie Boston's Mike Greenwell for the League lead.

For the Pittsburgh Pirates, Monday is the only day to play the New York Mets. The Pirates have won just four games against New York this season. All four, including a 1-0 victory to close out their four-game series in Pittsburgh, have been on Mondays.

"It was a big game for us, because if we meant we're six out instead of eight out," manager Jim Leyland said. "I don't think you can start draping a flag on our coffin just yet."

The Mets won the first three games of a series in New York last weekend before the Pirates took the closer 7-2. The NL East leaders did the same thing in Pittsburgh, failing to get the sweep when rookie Rick Reed and reliever Jim Gott blanked them on three hits. That effort was slightly better than Bobby Ojeda's for the Mets, who lead Pittsburgh by six games and Montreal by 6 1/2.

"When you win the first three games, you want the sweep, but we just didn't do it," Keith Hernandez said.

Trailed

The victory ended Pittsburgh's five-game slide.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Houston 10, Los Angeles 2; San Francisco 5, Atlanta 2; and St Louis 4, Montreal 2.

The first night game at Wrigley Field was rained out with Chicago leading Philadelphia 3-1 in the fourth inning.

Houston, which trailed first-place Los Angeles by eight games two weeks ago, has crept within 1 1/2 games in the West. The Astros won five of seven games with the Dodgers in that span.

Mike Scott pitched an eight-hit shutout, struck out six and walked one for his fourth shutout this year, and sixth complete game. Scott has won six of his last seven decisions.

SLANEY CRUISES HOME FIRST IN MILE

Griffith-Joyner scores easy win

MALMO, Sweden, Aug 9. (Reuter): World record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner overcame a bad start to win the women's 100 metres at the international athletics meeting here on Monday.

Griffith-Joyner was unable to threaten her record time of 10.49 seconds set in the US Olympic trials in Indianapolis last month after failing to leave the blocks with her customary drive.

Opposition

But she soon ran down the opposition to win in 11.10 seconds from Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert who finished in 11.23. Griffith-Joyner's American teammate Danette Young was third in 11.27.

"I could see I wasn't going to do a fantastic time after the slow start, but I was happy with the race after that. I ran it the way I should have," said Griffith-Joyner, who wore one of her trademark running suits with one leg covered and the other exposed.

Ed Moses of the United States had a comfortable victory in the 400 metres hurdles, demonstrat-



Slaney: In right condition for Games

ing he is still the man to beat as he attempts to win his third Olympic title.

Pre-Olympic caution prevented Moses, like most of the

world-class athletes competing in Malmo, from extending himself more than required to win.

He coasted home in 47.89 seconds, three metres ahead of second-placed Amadou Dia Ba

of Senegal, but well outside his world record of 47.02 and his best time this year of 47.37.

"I am running better now than I did last year, probably because I am running only half the number of races. Now all I have to do is keep my level before Seoul," Moses said.

World junior 400 metres champion Steve Lewis commanded his event with the ease of an old-timer, delighting the 20,000 crowd with a convincing win in 44.75 seconds ahead of fellow-American Kevin Young who clocked 45.67.

Carl Lewis, who won four gold medals at the 1984 Olympics, was another easy winner, cruising home in the 200 metres in 20.32 seconds ahead of fellow-American Henry Thomas who was timed in 20.57.

Lewis, a tooth-brace belying his pop star image, had a fast start and led all the way as a sea mist came in to shroud the Malmo stadium.

"I am feeling good, I am going to have a great European tour and then an even better Olympics," said a confident Lewis.

American Hollis Conway won the high jump with 2.31. Sjoberg finishing equal third.

who has four more running dates in Europe before heading for Seoul.

Mary Slaney, who showed superb form in the US Olympic trials after a two-year absence through injury and the birth of her daughter, won the mile in four minutes 22.86 seconds.

Although this is more than six seconds outside her world record set in 1983, she said her performance indicated she was in the right condition to compete with the new generation of 3,000-metre runners she will meet in Seoul.

A major disappointment for the crowd was the performance of Patrik Sjoberg, whose best effort of 2.25 metres in the high jump was well below the world record of 2.42 he set in Stockholm last year.

Sjoberg, who has been struggling to find his best form during the current outdoor season, said he was free of injury and that his training was still progressing well for Seoul.

American Hollis Conway won the high jump with 2.31. Sjoberg finishing equal third.



Evans catches her breath after setting the US record.

Evans and Biondi break US records

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug 9. (Reuter): Superstar swimmer Janet Evans set an American record in the 400-metre individual medley yesterday — the first day of the US Olympic trials at the University of Texas Swim Centre.

The 16-year-old Evans, world record holder in the 400, 800 and 1500-metre freestyle, won the 400 in four minutes 38.58 seconds, breaking the previous record of 4:39.24 set by American Tracy Caulkins at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Race

Erika Hansen also qualified for the Olympic squad with a second place finish in 4:42.37. The top two finishers in each individual final qualify for the Seoul Olympics.

"I gave everything I had during the race," Evans said. "I always like to have a race at the end, but I still gave everything I had."

Two other US records fell over the course of the day.

Matt Biondi, 22, swam the second fastest 200-metre freestyle in history during the morning heats, but was upset by Troy Dalbey in the final.

Biondi, world record holder in the 100-metre freestyle, just missed West German Michael Gross's 200-metre world record of 1:47.44 with a qualifying time of 1:47.72.

"The idea is to make the team," said Biondi. "I went all out in the morning and was a little tired tonight."

Dalbey won the final in 1:48.35 and Biondi was second in 1:48.37. "It wouldn't have mattered if I was second, I made the Olympic team," Dalbey said.

Angel Myers, 21, set a US record in the 100-metre freestyle of 53.15 seconds in the morning preliminaries and came back to better the mark in the final.

Two notable names will be missing from the US swimming squad in Seoul next month.

Jill Sterkel, 27, failed in her attempt to become the first woman in US history to qualify for four consecutive Olympic teams when she finished seventh in the 100-metre freestyle with a time of 56.61.

Pulled

John Moffett, former world record holder in the 100-metre breaststroke who had his gold medal dreams dashed at the 1984 Olympics when he pulled a thigh muscle, was disappointed again when he failed to qualify for the 1988 Games in the event.

Rich Shroeder won the 100-metre breaststroke final in 1:01.96 and Daniel Watters was second in 1:02.76.

Moffett, 24, finished the final in eighth place with a time of 1:03.92.

Player outlasts Charles to win US Senior Open

of the green.

The two matched birdies at the par-5 fifth hole and then pars at No. 6.

But Player, who shattered the Senior Open record last year with a 4-under 270 total at Brookhaven Country Club, cuffed a 40-footer from below the cup at the 571-yard seventh hole for his third birdie on the front. Charles missed a 12-footer and settled for par.

Both parred the last two as well, Player making the turn brimming with confidence. Charles had 37.

The two, who have been friends for more than 30 years, were co-leaders after the third round when Charles, a 52-year-old New Zealander and the Senior Tour's leading money-winner, blew a three-shot lead Sunday over the final four holes of the 6,881-yard layout.

Approach

Both men parred the first two holes going out yesterday. But Player grabbed a quick two-stroke advantage with a 12-foot birdie putt at the 404-yard third hole while Charles made bogey after being forced to play his approach from the trees on the right side of the fairway after an errant tee shot.

The 52-year-old South African picked up another stroke with a par at No. 14, and held a three-stroke lead that promptly vanished as he went bogey-bogey-bogey before parring the 18th.

US Olympic gymnastics coach quits

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug 9. (Reuter): Don Peters resigned as head coach of the US Olympic women's gymnastics team yesterday, paving the way for Bela Karolyi to work with the team in Seoul next month.

Karolyi, who had been upset at not being selected as one of the US Olympic coaches, will now be one of six personal coaches directing American gymnasts in Seoul, Susan Polakoff, media manager for the US Gymnastics Federation told Reuters.

The Romanian-born Karolyi, who defected to the United States in 1981, coached American Mary Lou Retton to the all-around gymnastics Olympic gold medal in 1984.

Alternates

Three of the six women who qualified for the US Olympic squad, including Phoebe Mills who won the all-around title, and both alternates are Karolyi's students.

But until Peters resigned Karolyi, who also guided Romania's Nadia Comaneci to perfection at the 1976 Olympics, had said he would not go to Seoul because he was not a US coach and could not be on the floor with his athletes during the competition.

Steve got out and did the business. He was on song. Seb wasn't.

"It isarrant nonsense for Seb's father to suggest that the decision not to select him was taken for anything other than athletic reasons," Ward added.

Peter Coe said yesterday that the selectors had stripped his son of his dignity. "I think it is a political decision ... I still believe he is the best in Britain," he said.

Peters, a bitter rival of Karolyi, had said as late as Saturday that he had no intention of resigning in favour of Karolyi.

Coe's athletics career in doubt after latest setback



Coe (left) surges past McLean (right) and Cram in the 800 metres at the 1986 European Championship.

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuter): Sebastian Coe, who has had to contend with triumph and disaster in almost equal measure during a decade at the forefront of world athletics, may find his latest setback too much even for his greatest resilience.

Yesterday Coe was left out of Britain's track-and-field team for the Seoul Olympics starting next month.

His omission meant there would be no defence of the 1,500 metres title he won in Moscow in 1980 and retained four years later in Los Angeles. Nor would he run the 800 metres in which he won silver medals at the last two Olympics.

He was also the first man to retain the 1,500 metres title and admitted: "It's a bit of a dream come true. This time last year I had just come out of hospital."

Coe's two gold and two silver medals made him Britain's most successful Olympics athlete and his eight world records, achieved in a glorious two-year spell from July 1979 to August 1981, is also a feat unmatched by any other Briton.

It is the sort of disappointment Coe has become used to and shown a remarkable ability to respond to it in a positive manner.

His second 1,500 metres gold medal at the 1984 Games crowned one of the most remarkable comebacks in the history of the Olympics. Only weeks before he lined up for the final Coe had apparently had little hope of success.

The previous year he had pulled out of Britain's World Championships team with a rare and debilitating lymph gland infection.

A medical spokesman said at the time: "I am surprised that anyone in his condition could have done as well as he has."

For six months until Christmas 1983 Coe did not run at all and there were serious doubts as to whether he would race again.

student, he landed a tremendous 800 metres victory in the European Indoor Championships in Spain, improving his own British indoor best to 1:46.54.

Coe then suffered a mysterious Achilles injury which kept him out of early season action but, grittily as ever, he bounced back to record his first British record outdoors — 1:44.95 in the 800

metres.

The following year, 1978, saw Coe's first senior clash with arch-rival Steve Ovett at the European championships in Prague.

The following year came to nothing as both men were swallowed up in their home straight by East German Olaf Beyer. But Coe asserted his authority over two laps 11 months later, claiming his first world record in 1:42.33, chopping 1.1 seconds off Alberto Juantorena's 1977 mark.

It sparked the remarkable string of world records over four distances — 800 metres, 1,000 metres, 1,500 metres and the mile.

Celebrated

In between, Coe celebrated his first Olympic 1,500 metres crown in Moscow, strolling to victory only days after his disappointing second place in the 800 metres final.

Despite his success against the clock over two laps, victory in a major championship proved frustratingly elusive and Coe had to be content with another silver at the European Championships in Athens.

Co's last great triumph was at Britain's Golden European Championships in Stuttgart two

SPORTS**BECKER WITHDRAWS FROM CANADIAN OPEN****Curren struggles to cool Anger**

TORONTO, Ontario, Aug 9. (UPI): Fourteenth seed Kevin Curren last night fought his way into the second round of the \$602,000 Canadian Open player international championships with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 victory over fellow-American Matt Anger.

Curren, who was the only seeded player to see action in yesterday's opening round, overcame a nagging ankle injury and plus 84 degree (28.8C) temperatures to outlast a determined Anger, in a match that took 2 hours, 7 minutes to complete.

Suffering

"I haven't been able to get into any sort of rhythm," said the South African-born Curren, who has not played competitively since suffering his injury in opening round play at Wimbledon. "Because of the injury I'm not really where I'd like to be even though I feel I'm a more complete player now than I was a few years ago."

After a relatively easy first set, Curren fell behind in the second as Anger broke him to go ahead 3-0. The 30-year-old Curren, currently ranked 29th on the



Becker signs an autograph for two unbelievably ball boys before announcing his withdrawal. (Reuter wirephoto)

Association of Tennis Professional computer rankings, then fought back to tie it at 3-3 only to have Anger break him in the deciding game to take the second set 7-5.

Curren broke back in the first game of the third set then

inflamed fibrous tissue that connects the bones along the bottom of the feet, for the last six weeks made the announcement yesterday afternoon during opening round play.

Even though the 20-year-old was able to capture the US Hardcourt Championship on Sunday in Indianapolis, the condition became so severe that the former Wimbledon champ decided to bypass the Canadian Open and return to Munich for treatment.

"I've had problems in both feet for six weeks," said Becker, who made a special trip to Toronto to explain his reasons for withdrawing. "In Friday's quarterfinals it really began to hurt, and then after Saturday's semifinal I knew there was no way I could play in Toronto."

"I felt the further I got in Indianapolis the more it hurt. I know that may sound crazy after beating (John) McEnroe 6-4, 6-2 in the final."

Becker's concerns revolve around being fit to play in the US Open starting later this month and the Seoul Olympics.

The injury, however, has

progressed to the point that Canadian Open tournament physician J. P. Schuman would give Becker only a 50-50 chance of being ready for the US Open.

"It's a common sports injury but if you don't treat it aggressively it becomes chronic," said Schuman.

"Now I'm thinking more for the future with the US Open and Seoul coming up, I need to be 110 per cent," added Becker. "I'm looking to the future, I don't want to risk everything now."

In early first round play, Derrick Rostagno defeated fellow-American Rickey Ramirez 7-5, 6-2, and Australian Simon Youl scored a 6-3, 7-5 victory over John Ross of the United States.

American Doug Flech, the lowest ranked player in the tournament at 898, continued to advance.

Receiving opening round byes were No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl, No. 2 Stefan Edberg, No. 4 Jimmy Connors, No. 5 Pat Cash, No. 6 Tim Mayotte, No. 7 Andre Gomez and No. 8 John McEnroe.



● Henric Nielsen (centre) of Greece's AEK is stopped by Galatasaray's Metin Yildiz (left). Galatasaray, the Turkish soccer champions, lost the match 3-4 in Istanbul on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

English TV war settled in £47 million deal

LONDON, Aug 9. (UPI):

The immediate threat of a "Super League" disappeared yesterday when representatives of the English League's 92 clubs accepted a bid from Independent Television (ITV) for the right to

television League soccer.

After more than two and a half hours of talks in a London hotel, the clubs agreed upon a method for sharing out the £47 million (\$80 million) expectable from the 4-year deal.

The 20 First Division clubs will share 75 per cent of the money, the 24 members of the Second Division will split 12-1/2 per cent with the remainder divided between the Third and Fourth Division clubs.

Threat

The deal and the formula for dividing the spoils removed the threat of the League's top clubs breaking away to form a so-called Super League, a move aimed

at securing the lion's share of TV money for the handful of clubs predominantly featured in broadcasts.

The clubs also agreed that any member wishing to leave the League would have to give three years' notice, a further safeguard against the sort of instant breakaway rumoured to be imminent this summer.

Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham and Arsenal were rumoured to be considering the formation of a new League, along with seven other clubs who also have stadiums that could accommodate large crowds.

The League clubs also agreed to set up a re-structuring committee with a brief to look at ways of streamlining the League. The committee should report to the League annual meeting in 1989 with proposals that could be adopted for the 1990-91 season.

The broadcast agreement with ITV covers only League and League Cup matches.

India hold Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan, Aug 9. (Reuters): India ensured victory in their six-match hockey series with Pakistan by holding their Olympic champion rivals to a 1-1 draw in the fifth Test today.

India lead the series 2-1 and defeat in the last Test at Karachi on Thursday cannot stop them retaining the honours as they won the last series against Pakistan in 1986.

Pakistan led 1-0 at halftime thanks to a penalty corner converted by left-halfback Qazi Mohib. India equalised in the second half through left-halfback Pargat Singh.

The previous match between the two sides at Lahore on Sunday also finished 1-1.

Pakistan had the territorial advantage throughout the first half but could not convert field scoring chances.

Mohib, the hero of Pakistan's

win at Gwalior in the third Test, put his side ahead in the 23rd minute, capitalising on the game's first penalty corner which was awarded for Pargat Singh's body-tackling of Pakistani right-winger Qamar Ibrahim.

Pakistan failed to convert two further penalty corners.

But they were unlucky when winger Qamar Ibrahim shot yards wide of the target after beating the entire Indian defence in the 12th minute. Centre-forward Tassaddiq Hussain did the same two minutes before time.

India made three changes in the second half, replacing experienced Mohammad Shahid, inside-left Jude Felix and right-winger R.P. Singh with Balwinder Singh, Jagbir Singh and Gundeep Kumar.

In the 54th minute, India got their third penalty corner which was converted by Pargat Singh.

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii, Aug 9. (AP): David Seiwert hauled in a 290 pound (132-kilogramme) marlin on 50-pound (23-kilogramme) test line in 20 minutes to give Pajaro Valley Fishing Club No. 2 of California the lead after yesterday's first day of fishing in the 1988 Hawaiian International Billfish tournament.

Football team

COLOMBO, Aug 9. (KUNA): Oman will play an under-23 football team from Sri Lanka, an official of the Sri Lanka Football Federation said today. This will be the first time a football team leaves Sri Lanka to play abroad, thanks to an invitation extended by the Oman Football Federation, the official said.

Aosta tennis

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, Aug 9. (AP): Third-seeded Alberto Mancini beat Massimo Cerro and Guillermo Vilas dispatched Diego Narsilio yesterday in first-round matches of the \$160,000 Aosta Valley tennis tournament.

Mancini, 19-year-old Argentine ranked 47th in the world, defeated the unranked Cerro 6-4, 6-4. Vilas put away his Italian challenger 6-2, 6-4.

Elliott clinches time trial

laugh," he said.

Team-mate Sean Yates, who won time trial in the Tour de France, was third behind another Briton, Mark Walsham.

Irishman Stephen Roche, leader of the Fagor team, who has had a disastrous season following his triple triumph last year when he won the Tours of France and Italy and the world road racing title, came home seventh.

Roche, in his first major test since a three-month layoff with a knee injury, is still in dispute with his Spanish sponsors over a new contract.

"I have told them that I will ride for them next year. I know they want to keep me (longer) but I cannot go on like this," he said.

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Four seeds advance on opening day**Lindqvist reaches 2nd round**

LOS ANGELES, California, Aug 9. (UPI): All four seeded players to see opening day action, including ninth seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden and 14th seed Sara Gomes of Britain, safely reached the second round of the \$300,000 Los Angeles tennis tournament yesterday.

Top seed Chris Evert, second-seed fellow American Pam Shriver, and third seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina all receive first round byes in the 56-player hardcourt tune-up event for the US Open which begins later this month.

The 28th-ranked Lindqvist,

Lora tests positive for amphetamines

LOS ANGELES, California, Aug 9. (UPI): Traces of amphetamines were found in the urine taken from Miguel Lora after the Colombian successfully defended his World Boxing Council bantamweight title, the California Athletic Commission said today.

Lora had previously been suspended by the commission after it was concluded he ingested sugar during the July 25 fight against Albert Davila at the Forum.

Serious

"The returns came back today and Lora tested positive for amphetamines," said commission member Marty Denkin. "Davila did not. The commission will deal with this in a very serious manner. This is a violation of the rules involving drugs and stimulants, and it involves a champion."

Denkin said Lora, who won a unanimous 12-round decision, was requested to attend an Aug 19 commission meeting in San Diego. He said the commission has four options to recommend to the WBC — refer disciplinary action to the WBC, let the decision stand and fine or suspend the boxer, declare the bout a no-decision, or disqualify Lora. The WBC is the only body which can strip him of his crown.

The purses — \$75,000 for Lora and \$25,000 for Davila — were held following the bout.

Two bottles were taken from Lora's corner during the bout. The liquid was examined in a Los Angeles laboratory and found to contain sucrose.

Captured

Lora, who has made seven successful defenses of the title he won from Daniel Zaragoza in 1985, captured an easy decision in the bout which was marred by an incident in the ninth round when a spectator threw a white towel into the ring.

Lora, 27, has won all 30 of his pro fights, including two against Davila, who fell to 55-10-1. Davila, a 33-year-old from Pomona, California, fell to Lora in 1986 when he suffered a broken nose in losing a 12-round unanimous decision.

Training centre

MOSCOW, Aug 9. (Reuters): A series of sports complexes has been completed in Vladivostok and surrounding parts of the Soviet Far East to enable the country's athletes to train for this year's Seoul Olympics, Izvestia said yesterday.

Neale boosts Worcestershire

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuters): A career-best 167 by captain Phil Neale boosted Worcestershire's county championship hopes by putting them in sight of victory over Sussex at Kidderminster yesterday.

Neale cracked 24 fours and a six as Worcester scored 370 to take first innings lead of 224. Sussex then struggled in their second innings to be 221 for eight at the close of the second day of the three-day match.

Spirited

Sussex's plight would have been even worse had it not been for a spirited 65 from Alan Wells and 55 from Tony Pigott.

Worcestershire's total owed much to a fifth-wicket stand of 181 between Neale and Martin Weston who scored 94.

Worcestershire are currently

third in the county table with 180 points from 15 matches, 35 behind leaders Kent but with a game in hand. Kent are without a game as are second-placed Essex who have 188 points from 16 matches.

England rejects John Emburey and Paul Downton

took Middlesex to the verge of their first championship win

Then, after seamers Norman Cowans had ripped out Graeme Fowler and Gehan Mendis with only 11 on the board, Emburey took over with a mesmerising spell of four for 17 overs.

Lancashire finished on 98 for eight, only 28 runs in front.

Scores

At Swansea: Surrey 297 in

123.5 overs. Glamorgan 249 for nine in 90 overs (A. Butcher 54, H. Morris 51, A. Cottee 50).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 298 in 103.0 overs and 32 for one. Hampshire 260 for eight declared in 97.3 overs (K. James 77).

At Weston-Super-Mare: Derbyshire 324 in 119.5 overs (A. Warner 45) and 58 for no wicket. Somerset 281 for eight declared in 78.3 overs (R. Bartlett 66, J. Hardy 60, V. Marks 46, S. Waugh 44).

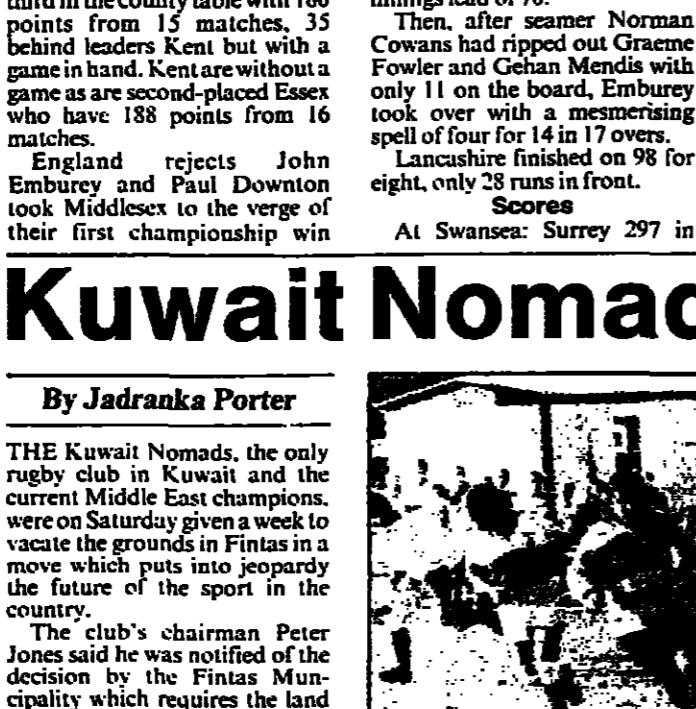
At Cheltenham: Yorkshire 367 for eight declared in 100.4 overs. Gloucestershire 214 in 76 overs (A. Stovold 49, A. Sidebottom 55 for 34) and 148 for two (P. Bambridge 73 not out).

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 235 in 107.1 overs and 98 for eight. Middlesex 305 in 103.2 overs (P. Downton 120, R. Butcher 49).

At Edgbaston: Northamptonshire 261 in 89.3 overs and 86 for nine. Warwickshire 278 in 88.1 overs (A. Lloyd 121, W. Davis five for 76).

At Kidderminster: Sussex 146 in 47.3 overs and 221 for eight (A. Wells 65). Worcestershire 370 in 112.3 overs (P. Neale 167, M. Weston 94).

Kuwait Nomads lose rugby ground



The Nomads in action on the Fintas pitch which they have now to vacate.

The Nomads won the 1987 Middle East 15-a-side tournament. Their first team were champions in the Gulf League and Cup competitions and their second team won the Second Team Competition in the Gulf, all of which were played in 1987/88 season.

The players feel they could repeat the last season's success if they had a place to train, says Jones. The club is appealing to

individuals and institutions for help. Their immediate need is for a place to store their equipment including the floodlights and a generator as well as their mobile cabin club house and changing rooms.

In the medium term they would need a pitch, and according to Jones even an old farm roughly the size of a football field would do. "The club has the expertise and equipment to turn

it into a proper pitch" he said.

Kuwait's sand is ideal for the purpose so long as it is kept moist and raked, he added. But he stresses that a rugby pitch cannot be used for any other sports.

The club was first set up 40 years ago and for 35 years it enjoyed the support of Kuwait Oil Company which provided a pitch. But five years ago when KOC made staff cuts it also withdrew its support to the Kuwait

Nomads. At the time a Kuwait businessman, Nuri Al Othman, was early lead when the six-day Tour of Britain cycling race began today, clocking 3 minutes, 35.5 seconds over a 1.7-mile (2.72 km) city centre circuit to win the time trial and beat the other 79 professionals by nearly nine seconds.

Elliott